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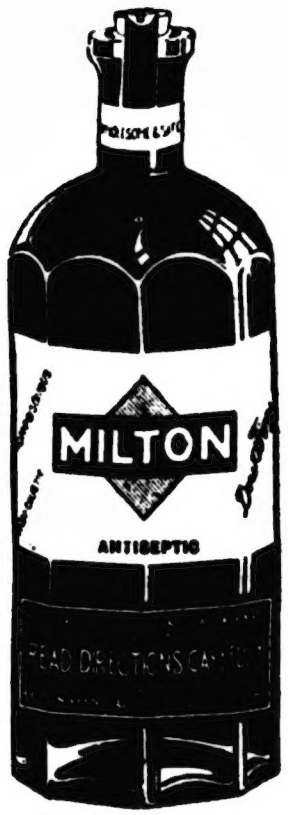

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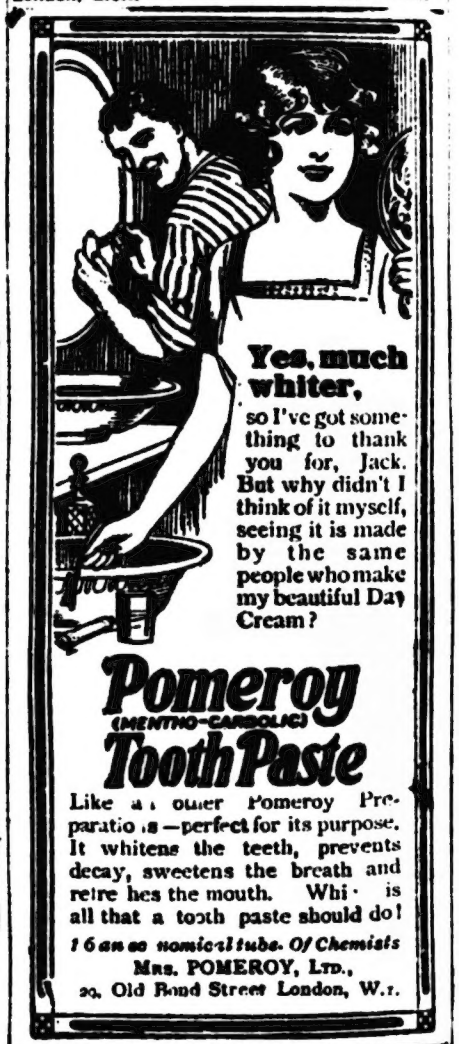

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"THE WORLD, THE FLESH, AND THE DEVIL."

[*The Editor discourses upon passing events and topics of the day.*]

Russia.

The House of Commons was keenly amused at the Prime Minister's *volte face* on the Russian question, after we had by private notice called attention to his Guildhall Banquet declaration. As we suggest elsewhere, let the firemen stand by whilst the Russian fire burns itself out—simply to see that the flames do not spread beyond her own borders.

The Great Silence.

There can be no question that the Armistice Day meditation will be the forerunner of an annual Sacrament of Remembrance, and probably ere long of the ringing of the evening Angelus Bell—which we are glad to see so many churches, of various denominations, are already adopting.

National Granaries.

We wonder whether the Government will show that they have learned one of the chief lessons of the war by the establishment of national granaries, rendering us independent of foreign food supplies. What about the park at Richborough, by way of a start?

The Bishop's Retort.

Apropos of our recent article, "Do the Bishops Believe?" one of them, says a correspondent, when asked the question at a dinner party the other night, replied, "Believe in whom—Bottomley?" Well, a lot of them do!

Lords and Commons.

Viscount Astor, who is so keen on retaining his seat in the House of Commons that a Bill is to be introduced to enable him to do so, will probably be interested to know that in 1649—a peer actually sat as a Member of the Commons. If he desires full particulars, Lady Astor may shortly be able to look them up for him in the wonderful old records in the Members' Library.

A Parliamentary Anomaly.

By the way, it would be somewhat of an irony if the first woman to sit in the House of Commons should be a Peeress—whilst, of course, our American cousins will claim that she also represents them.

Harmsworth for Thanet.

We ran down to Thanet on the eve of the poll to give our young friend Harmsworth a hand, and addressed wonderful meetings at Margate and Ramsgate. Esmond is quite a decent speaker, with an attractive personality—and we give him a 4,000 majority when the result of the poll is announced. A feature of the election has been that neither Lord Northcliffe nor Lord Rothermere took any part in it, leaving the youngster to win his spurs.

The League of Nations.

This chimerical scheme is gradually fading out of existence, and we very much doubt whether it will ever materialise into anything more substantial than the fabric of a dream. Evidently America will have nothing to do with it.

Charles Coborn.

We hope all our readers who remember "The Man Who Broke the Bank at Monte Carlo" will support the matinée at the Alhambra on December 2nd for the benefit of this popular old comedian.

The "Deutschland" in the Thames.

Despite the weather, large crowds still continue daily to visit this German submarine monster, which is almost becoming an established London institution. The vessel will, however, leave upon a coastal tour as soon as the winter months are over, and Londoners, therefore, should not miss what may be their only opportunity of inspecting the most wonderful instrument of destruction ever designed by German ingenuity. As already announced, a large variety of Victory Souvenirs has been manufactured from "Deutschland" metal—the genuineness of each article being guaranteed by the Editor of JOHN BULL. *An illustrated catalogue of these Souvenirs may now be obtained by post on application to the Secretary of the Victory Club, 26, King Street, St. James's, S.W.1., in return for a stamped-addressed envelope, or on board the "Deutschland," or at the Charing Cross Pier—where, by the way, visitors must embark upon a special steam launch for the ship. The inclusive charge to cover launch fare, inspection and Entertainment Tax, is* 1s. *only. An additional* 1s., *however, is charged for the right to go through the interior of the vessel. All profits of the exhibition go to King George's Fund for Sailors. The ship is open for inspection every day from* 10 *a.m. to* 4.30 *p.m., Sundays included.*

JOHN BULL Pens.

It is no longer essential for you to secure your JOHN BULL Pen by post. You may obtain it at either 87, Long Acre, or 265, Strand (opposite St. Clement's Church) where special depôts have been established. In addition, another depôt will be opened at the top of Ludgate Hill—No. 19—within a few days. Call early to avoid the queue.

The Explanation.

So a German crew has rescued five Englishmen from the water! Doubtless after the Prize money!

"Behind the Speaker's Chair."

Look out for this new feature in Sunday's popular paper, the *National News*. It will give you all the secrets of Parliament.

General Seely.

The late Sir Charles Dilke once said that in Parliament a man may rat, but that he cannot re-rat. We commend this aphorism to our gallant friend General Seely.

Another Railway Strike?

Would you be very much surprised if we predicted another railway strike not next August, the end of the present truce, but just before Christmas? We must have that debate.

"When"

Thus the *East Anglian Daily Times*: "When Mr. Bottomley becomes Prime Minister, we hope he will discourage people with missions and grievances," etc. Missions, yes—but grievances are the breath of our nostrils.

"Pussyfoot's" Baptism.

"Pussyfoot" doesn't seem such a bad fellow after all. He went through his baptism of beer and whisky like a hero, and took all the "ragging" of the students in good part—we had almost said the best of spirits. We may convert him yet.

And a Warning.

But Mr. Johnson must not imagine that sympathy with his damaged eye implies any leaning towards his attempts to do *us* "in the eye." We have always opposed faddist drinking restrictions, and it may interest Mr. Pussyfoot to know that when the students passed our office the other day cheered vociferously.

"The Moderate Party."

Who and what they are we know not, but we have before us their "programme"—addressed to "Statesmen, Politicians (a subtle distinction!), Newspaper Controllers, Labour Leaders, and Editors"—all of whom they address as "Beloved Children." Perhaps they are right.

Sir Thomas Whittaker.

It was with a genuine shock of grief that we heard of the sudden death of our old opponent Sir Thomas Whittaker—with whom we so often crossed swords in the days of the Licensing Bill of 1908—and who, many years ago, was our Chancellor of the Exchequer in the Clapham Parliament. Peace to his memory!

Local Limerick.

(*Viscount Astor does not like being a Lord, and a Bill is to be introduced into Parliament to enable him to divest himself of his peerage.*)

There's a new peer who says, "Now, as I count,
I'd much rather not be a viscount;
For the title I get,
And the gilt coronet,
Don't count much according to *my* count!"

Shilling Stealers.

For the railways to deduct one fixed, solid shilling every time they dish up for an unused ticket however small its price is, as we have frequently urged, a shameless imposition. And the way of doing it is so absurdly misnamed. The passenger has to fill up, laboriously and painstakingly, a form with all particulars. And then, having sweated with the pen, the railway collars a "bob" for "clerical expenses" from the person who has done the work!

A Cruel Take Off.

We are informed that, upon demobilisation, W.A.A.C.s who have served with the Army of Occupation in Germany are deprived of their overcoats, and left, in some cases, to undertake long journeys to their homes in this wintry weather with a minimum of warm clothing. Demobbed Tommies were permitted to retain their greatcoats, or to receive £1 in exchange. Surely the girls, in the circumstances, are entitled to even more consideration than they.

Surplus Cloth.

Once again the people who dispose of Government surplus material are doing it in an unkind way. They have many hundreds of thousands of yards of cloth to sell and offer it for tender. But not less than five lengths will be sold, and five lengths come to something like 300 yards. Very many people would gladly buy 20 or 30 yards at a fair price, but few families require 300: that is too much, even for the fat boy of Leicester. As a consequence, the trade can get the stuff on its own terms and retail it as they please!

A Worn-Out Wage Rate.

Quite certainly, and quite rightly, the British working man would object to be paid, in these days, a rate of wages fixed in the middle of last century. But, in Scotland, the Registrars of Births, Marriages, and Deaths, are still "remunerated" according to a scale fixed by Parliament in 1855. It is, of course, totally inadequate for their livelihood nowadays. As during the war these worthy public servants undertook a burden of extra duties for the benefit of Service men, entirely free of charge, they are now surely entitled to an increase in their fees.

An Unwanted Wife.

A Kingston wife, having received notice from her husband that he proposed shortly to emigrate to Australia, leaving her behind to support the children as best she could, adopted the very natural course of appealing to the local Magistrates for advice. The Bench, however, declared themselves powerless to assist her, and as the faithful reporter records, "the woman left the Court with a disappointed look on her face." As soon as ever her husband carries out his threat, she will, of course, be at full liberty to apply to the Justices for a Maintenance Order against him; but as he will then be well on his way to Australia, it will be simply a waste of time. Surely these circumstances point to a loophole in the law that cries loudly for repair.

Offertory.

Shareholders who took their recent 350 per cent. dividend from the Army and Navy Stores will be interested in the statement of "A Clerk." In answer to one of their advertisements a few months ago, he offered his services to them and they offered their wages to him 22s. 6d. per week, to wit. The gallant old warriors who control the Army and Navy Stores never did throw money about among their staff. The clerk could hardly expect them to make a precedent in his case.

Some Book.

By the way, we have had many letters from customers at the Stores complaining of the enormous increase in prices. Previous to 1914 a letter-copying book cost there 2s. 6d.; in March, 1916, it had risen to 2s. 8d.; in Jan., 1918, the price was 5s. 6d.; and it is now 11s. No wonder the Society pays so colossal a dividend.

"SHAME UNDER THE SHADOW OF THE ABBEY."
See page 6

A Cot for Two.

We have to stop and think hard on reading an advertisement like this: "£75 for key of a cottage suitable for young married couple, in or near Pinner, urgent." That young couple, needing no more than a cottage, must have lots of money to throw away, or have planned a fine lark at the expense of some prospective landlord. But such an offer is grossly unfair to ordinary folk. If genuine, the grotesquerie of it approaches to madness.

A Teacher's Grouse.

A head teacher employed under the N.R. of Yorks Education Committee sends us the new "Regulations for the Preliminary Education of Elementary School Teachers," drawing our special attention to the "princely salary" paid to head teachers for instructing pupil teachers. Said princely salary is—£8 per annum. "The work means at least 1 hour extra per day for at least 43 weeks of 5 days; viz., 215 hours." Looks as if that Committee had started to study economy.

A Queer Advert.

Who on earth is the "Demobilised British Major," a civil engineer, who advertises in the *Times* that, having had "Continental and American experience in high professional positions," and speaking five languages, he "seeks employment with German or live foreign firm"? Is it simply a foolish protest on the part of a demobbed officer who has been disappointed in his search for suitable employment with British firms, or must we seek deeper for an explanation of what, on the face of it, is an incredible appeal?

Chinese Husbands.

A Herne Bay reader is in a white heat of indignation because a number of French girls are alleged to have married Chinese labourers, attracted possibly by their high rates of pay. It will be a calamity if any of our English girls in France are tempted to emulate this appalling folly, for it cannot be too strongly insisted that a hell of a life awaits the European woman who arrives in the Celestial Empire as the wife of a Chinaman. For one thing, the great bulk of these labourers are probably married already, as many of the unhappy French brides may soon be learning to their bitter cost.

Artful Dodgers.

Camberwell Guardians have been imitating the artful dodger. The Ministry of Health having refused them permission to give children who won scholarships 2s. pocket money, they have decided to present a weekly prize, value 2s., in lieu thereof. There is absolutely no truth in the rumour that they intend to provide the money from their own pockets.

Erin.

According to a Youghal coastguardsman, "profiteering in Ireland beats England into a cocked hat." He quotes lard at 2s. lb., butter at 3s., tea at 3s. 6d., bacon at 2s. 6d., cheese at 2s. 2d., marge at 1s. 4d., and sugar at 8d. Coal is £4 2s. a ton if delivered in bags. "When plums are about, they charge 1d. each. Apples are 9d. lb. Whisky is the enormous price of 1s. a drop." However, there's plenty at that price.

Chocs.

Most of the big chocolate manufacturers have never wasted any sentiment on the small shopkeeper, whose petty supplies of the cheaper chocolates they have cut down all through the war, and still cut down, in order that they may sell to the big stores and fashionable shops for retail at 6s. to 7s. a pound. As a Wimbledon tradesman puts it, "We confectioners are a wicked class, no doubt; but we should like to be allowed to live, if only for the pleasure of paying the rates." Not to mention the taxes the Chancellor axes.

The Milkers.

If any further evidence were needed to prove what's what, it would be found in the harvest of the London milk trust, known as the United Dairies. For the year ending June last, the dividends of the subsidiary concerns have jumped from £103,900 to £191,200, the net profit having increased from £153,400 to £233,400, with £84,900 carried over. "True," we can imagine the directors of this Trust saying, "but look what the Government will get out of it—40 per cent. Excess Profits Duty!" Yes, out of the lives of the nation's children.

Philanthropists.

"Small Shareholder" won't have it that the gas companies are profiteering. They are really philanthropeering, it seems. The London companies, he says, are not allowed to declare a dividend exceeding 6/11ths of the pre-war dividend. The dividend on the ordinary stock is only 3 per cent., and the stock stands at 60, while "raw material has more than doubled—coal 100 per cent., gas oil 250 per cent., labour 100 per cent." On this he maintains that it is "to the credit of the companies that gas is as cheap as it is." And pre-war cooking stoves as dear as they are?

The Roundabouts.

A discharged disabled man who recently completed his training as a motor mechanic in Glasgow was, after two abortive calls, referred to the Ministry of Labour in Edinburgh for information in regard to employment and the grant of tools. Since then he has been sent from pillar to post—to Montague House, Westminster, to St. Ermin's, and back again to Edinburgh. He is still no forrarder. He instances the case of another Glasgow man who was trained as a motor mechanic, then discharged, and "has gone idle for 5 months with no signs of a job yet, so his training has gone for nothing and he is a burden on the country." Surely in the motor industry there ought to be plenty of work for capable men.

Local Limerick.

A butcher named Samuel Oslosky,
Of Stepney, has had a bad tossky:
When at Old Street appearing
For bold profiteering
He was fined seventy quids—what a lossky!

Lost at the War Office.

A soldier's widow has already sent three copies of her marriage certificate to the War Office, who have lost them all, or, as they say, mislaid them. They call for a fourth copy "for the Pensions Committee." Such gross carelessness or incapacity is disgraceful among officials who at least should be efficient. It is cruelly worrying to the widow, and rough on the Registrar, who usually provides these documents free of charge.

Voluntary Volunteers.

Some of the V.A.D.s—Voluntary Aid Detachment—were actually paid a little; certainly not overmuch. There were others who were, to duplicate the term, Voluntary V.A.Ds. These ladies paid their own fares to hospital, provided their own meals, and met their own laundry bills. They are now denied the gratuity given to the others, who were, directly or indirectly, salaried by the War Office. It is a thankless way of treating devoted women.

Coast Watchers.

Since we recorded the case of the Boy Scout who received the startling pay of 2s. a week for coast watching, we learn of full-grown men who got even less—namely, nothing. Early in war days, men of the Orkneys were called out under Admiralty directions to watch and to patrol their coast. At first this duty lasted all night; later it was restricted to dawn and dusk. They have never received a penny in money, nor a word in thanks. It was duty well and truly done under orders, and it is base ingratitude to begrudge them recognition.

Unemployment and Overtime.

A number of ex-soldiers in the Leyton district, suffering from unemployment, attribute their misfortune to the fact that, in spite of the 48 hours week, a vast amount of overtime is still worked in the shops of the Great Eastern Railway Company. The facts, as stated, are a strange commentary upon the attitude of the regular railwaymen, whose argument has always been that only by means of a shorter working day could demobilised men be absorbed into useful employment. It was certainly never intended that the legal maximum should be evaded for the sake of big overtime pay.

Better Now.

It will be recalled that an aged couple of 68 and 66 years respectively—Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Hicks, living in one room in Willesden Green at 4s. rent a week—were recently harshly interfered with by their landlord, who resorted to the drastic measure of moving the door and the window in order to get them out. A reader forwarded to us a donation, which we sent to them through Mr. S. Barnett, the Missionary of Willesden Police Court, who now informs us that "the grievance for Mr. and Mrs. Hicks no longer exists, and they have both recovered from their severe colds and are more comfortable and happy. Although Mr. Hicks is a bricklayer by trade, and holds a 15 years' reference from a local builder, he is not able to earn very much now, and has chiefly to depend on odd jobs for a living. The case was a deserving one." So once more all's well that ends well.

One More Unfortunate.

Here is one more appeal we cannot turn down. The man left part of a leg in France, but can do a good day's work with the aid of his artificial limb. He is 31, married, and out of work since April, 1918. Estate agency and auctioneering is his line. References first-class, ability all serene, and willingness unbeatable. Any takers?

A Regrettable Choice.

The bald statement in a local newspaper that "the Dorset Pensions Committee have decided to retain the services of their staff of girl clerks in preference to engaging demobilised soldiers" does not go nearly far enough. We should like to know the reasons which have prompted the Committee to hug the flappers—figuratively, of course—and snub the ex-soldiers, or, failing reasons, let us have the excuses. An early reply will oblige.

The Poor Collector.

Very low water mark is reached by the Foleshill Guardians in their advert. for a Poor Rates Collector for the parish of Keresley. They state that his salary will be £10 per annum. But he will not get all that. He must insure his honesty up to £100 with some approved Guarantee Society, which means paying a premium; and his appointment will be subject to the provisions of the Superannuation Act, which means deductions towards pension. What is left of the £10 will be his very own. Poor Poor Rates Collector!

Police as Prosecutors.

Without discussing the merits of the recent quarrel between the Chief Constable of St. Helens and a local solicitor, we may perhaps be permitted to reiterate our conviction that it is most undesirable for a police officer to appear as "counsel for the prosecution" in Magistrates' Courts. As a general rule, to which we fear the Chief Constable of St. Helens is no exception, policemen have neither the knowledge nor the training required for the seemly conduct of legal proceedings. It is the unenviable distinction of St. Helens to be one of the few important towns that still delay this urgent reform.

OUR XMAS GIFT TO YOU!

For Full Particulars see Page 7.

"Carry On! Carry Home!"

This was a familiar stunt of the war; it is still a familiar stunt of peace. Everywhere women are complaining that many tradesmen who used to employ messengers and build up their businesses by sending goods home now refuse to do so, except to play-up to the *élite* of their custom. Women of moderate means, who pay what are to them large bills for little food, still have to drag home their loads like beasts of burden.

A Preposterous Assumption.

Several American journals are reviving the rumour that Great Britain proposes to surrender the British West Indies in satisfaction of her indebtedness to the United States. It is incredible that any Government should contemplate such a transaction behind the backs of the British public, but it may be as well for the Prime Minister to give the story an emphatic denial. As far as Uncle Sam is concerned, the wish, probably, is father to the thought.

Police Pay Again.

Police constables employed in a Gun Factory under, so we gather, the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Munitions, tell us they get only £2 10s. a week, though they are all married men. They want to know why they do not receive the minimum rate of a p.c.'s pay. Perhaps the Ministry will answer the conundrum for us—and for them.

Mistakes.

It is written that a man who never makes a mistake never makes anything; he never makes anything under the Anti-Profiteering Act, anyway. "Mistake" was the plea of Messrs. H. P. Tyler and Co., Ltd., of Stockton, when haled before the local Tribunal for charging 6½d. for the sort of bootlace sold in pre-war days at a penny a pair. The Tribunal rather doubted the "mistake," and Messrs. Tyler were ordered to refund 2½d. But, as far as that goes, the firm don't care a farthing.

A Stupid Rule.

It appears that if a taxi-cab weighs a ton or under, the owner's Hackney Carriage Licence costs 15s., but if it happens to exceed the ton weight, even by a few pounds, the licence duty amounts to £5, the vehicle being then classed as a "light locomotive." This anomalous rule is felt as a considerable hardship by the large class of "owner-drivers," who are demanding, with entire justice, that it should be relaxed in the case of taxi-cabs which conform to a common standard, apart from trifling variations in weight.

The Depth of Meanness.

Pretty mean on the part of the Board of Education is its treatment of teachers wounded in the war. Its new scale of pensions includes a death gratuity, payable to next-of-kin, so the Board calls for the fighting teacher's discharge papers. If he, being a wounded man, is declared "unfit for further military service," the Board seeks to deprive him and his of that death benefit. It orders him to undergo a medical examination at his own expense to prove his physical fitness—and that, because he has fought and shed his blood, he is frequently unable to prove. Therefore—no death benefit! Official meanness could sink to no lower depth.

A Soldier's Cross.

He is only a dead Tommy in Dublin, so perhaps it doesn't matter. At some time or other they buried him in a field within Beggar's Bush Barracks, and there is a white wooden cross—at least it has been white—to mark his resting place. The name of the soldier is obliterated with tar, but there is enough of the inscription visible to show that he belonged to the Royal Irish Regiment, and that he died in the Sinn Fein rebellion. Local urchins play around the cross; sometimes they sit astride it; and hens and geese and pigs also sport upon the grave. "Grave" is the actual word used by the informant, but is it really a grave, or a memorial? In any case, those who are responsible for the cross should assume the responsibility of preserving it from desecration, or remove it.

Now or Never.

This is the last week of our record "Bullets" Christmas Offer. If you want to win a Turkey or some other useful Christmas Gift, you must send in your "Bullets" coupon THIS WEEK. See page 24.

CANDID COMMUNICATIONS.

This page is devoted to Open Letters to Celebrities, Notorieties, and, occasionally, Nonentities.

To the Hon. Mr. Justice Bailhache.

MY LORD,—I think it would be as well for you to drop the rather humorous sermonising that you have lately been practising from the Bench. At the recent Assizes at Glamorgan, a poor girl of 19, betrayed three years earlier by a married man, pleaded guilty to the murder of her "illegitimate" child, a crime committed, as you expressly recognised, "while her mind was distorted with anxiety." Addressing the trembling girl in the dock, you said, "It is only the influence of Christ Himself that can turn you from the girl you have been to the woman I hope you will be." Then, instead of accepting the suggestion that the poor creature should be allowed to enter a home, you sentenced her to nine months' imprisonment, added to the five months she had already spent in gaol. NEXT time you mean to be severe, please do!" I left with cant.

JOHN BULL.

To Police Constable Blenkinsopp, Durham City.

DEAR "BOBBY."—Just a word of appreciation of your generous conduct towards the deserter it was your unpleasant duty to arrest at his home in New Elvet. Because you have been a soldier yourself you would not accept the usual reward for the arrest, knowing that the money would be deducted from the pay of the absentee. That such comradely feeling may always exist between the Army and the Police is the earnest hope of JOHN BULL.

To Sydney Valentine, Esq., Actors' Association.

DEAR SIR,—Your demand that all persons employing girls for theatrical purposes should be registered and licensed is one that has already found expression in these columns, and I merely want to say that I am in the fullest sympathy with any proposals that will serve to comb out the few "black sheep" in the theatrical profession. Your statements in regard to "horrible revue managers" employing girls at 30s. a week and meeting their protests with the rejoinder "You can easily earn more," are certainly very disquieting. If you can furnish me with clear evidence of this sort of thing, I will undertake to give suitable publicity to the matter. JOHN BULL.

To E. T. Gardom, Esq., Clerk of the Peace, Gloucester.

DEAR CLERK,—I notice that, in addition to your salary of £1,200 as Clerk of the Peace for the County, you draw £100 as Clerk of the County and City Tuberculosis Committee; £100 as Clerk of the Joint Committee under the Mental Deficiency Act; £110 as Clerk of the National Health Insurance Committee; £35 as Clerk of the Old Age Pensions Committee; £150 as Clerk to the Licensing Committee; £10 or so as Clerk to the Appeal Tribunal; and have already received some £150 on account of costs in Parliamentary and High Court proceedings, with about a further £75 to come. In addition to these trifling emoluments, you have lately been putting in a claim to the conveyancing costs paid by the Board of Agriculture for the acquisition of land for small holdings, which, if granted, would probably be worth £2,000 to you in the current financial year. I forgot to mention that you are also Returning Officer for the Stroud Division (a job worth £72 at the last election), as well as being Registration Officer, with a possibility of making £300 to £400 a year out of it. Can't you find an unemployed ex-Service man willing to take on one of your smaller tasks? It would be terrible if you should suffer a breakdown.

JOHN BULL.

To His Honour Judge Parry, Lambeth County Court.

YOUR HONOUR,—You were very quick to twig the curious plea of a landlady who wanted to eject a tenant. The poor woman said she was suffering from a nervous breakdown, and the tenant's refusal to budge was greatly aggravating the disturbances of her nervous system. Such was her doctor's tale. You said it looked as if we were going to have a new disease—landlords' neurasthenia. The Ministry of Health might inquire into it, but it did not interest you at all, so there would be no Order of Ejectment. I do hope your sensible decision will steady the poor landlady's nerves. JOHN BULL.

To Mrs. Annie Maria Gifford, Kingsland Crescent, Barry Dock.

DEAR MRS. GIFFORD,—It is a sad thing for the father and mother of 16 children to fall out and quarrel and fight, and I am sure you must have been sorely put to it to go to the Court for a judicial separation from your troublesome husband. Certainly, there was some conflict of evidence between you. Your suggestion was, I believe, that he had relieved the tedium of a motor journey by flinging you out of the car, his defence being a complete denial of this allegation and a statement that you were in the "regular habit of falling out of cabs." This latter suggestion I find it difficult to accept. That you may have tossed yourself out of a motor car once in a way, in a mood of levity, is of course conceivable, but that you made a regular practice of doing so, just to annoy people, I flatly decline to believe. However, you won your case. JOHN BULL.

To R. L. Morant, Esq., Secretary, Welfare of the Blind, Ministry of Health.

DEAR SIR,—I have the pamphlet recently issued by you in regard to the Government proposals for the welfare of the blind. I am not surprised that several institutions for the employment of these poor people have refused to accept the offer of a subsidy of £20 a year for every afflicted person engaged by them, as I am told it would involve the enforcement of some stringent and unreasonable rules—such as that the poor people concerned must "sign on" at 8.30 in the morning. Have you endeavoured to realise the difficulties of a sightless man in struggling for a bus at such an hour? Another objection to the Government scheme is that it fails to make any provision for the unemployable blind—over 46 per cent. of the whole. Why not hand over to these unfortunates the sum which is refused by the employment institutions? Pity the poor blind! JOHN BULL.

To William Jarvis Beal, Farmer, Sutton-on-Derwent, Yorkshire.

SIR,—Making no bones about it, I hereby inform you that you are a vicious and cowardly brute. Your treatment of that 15-year-old farm lad Hayes, apparently engaged by you from an Industrial School, was abominable. He may have smoked in forbidden places; he may have emptied dish-water down the sink; he may not have habituated himself to the truth—but to kick him and knock him down, to pick him up and kick him in the ribs and knock him down again, then to batter his face with your clenched fist, is ferocity beyond all defence or excuse. "I am sorry I kicked him," you said, "but for anything else he deserved all he got." *You* have not got all you deserve. The fine of £5 and costs inflicted by the Pocklington Magistrates does not meet the case. It is not the measure of the punishment you have so richly earned. JOHN BULL.

To Mrs. Monk, Victoria Dock Road, E.

DEAR MRS. MONK,—When, a little less than three months ago, I championed your cause under the title "*She* wrote to JOHN BULL about it," and congratulated you on having thus obtained a measure of justice, I promised not to let the good work cease. I knew how badly you had been treated in the matter of the O'Brien children you had so generously mothered after that devastating air raid in which their father was killed. I am now able to congratulate you that, as a result of the further exertions made in your behalf, a grant of £1 a week has been made for the two younger of the orphaned children and a further £60 to you, the greater part of which will also be received in the shape of a weekly allowance. I hope you will now see the future a little brighter.

JOHN BULL.

To the Rev. J. A. Richards, Vicar of Maryport.

DEAR VICAR,—So I see you have declared war on the simple, harmless confetti as used at weddings, even suggesting that an action for assault might prove a salutary deterrent. Just listen to yourself: "All right-thinking people must realise how unseemly it is for a couple to stand before the altar literally dripping with confetti." This puts me right outside the category of "right-thinking people," for I confess that I see no possible harm in the practice you so unsparingly denounce. Nor do I think it at all reasonable of you to say that "people covered with confetti will not be allowed to enter St. Mary's," but "will have to go away and come back to the Church in a decent and fitting condition before the ceremony can proceed." You exceed your rights and make yourself ridiculous, good sir. JOHN BULL.

To Mr. Robert Randall, Farmer, Long Hedge, Corsley, nr. Warminster.

DEAR BOB,—From information received I do hear that you are selling milk at 4d. a quart, and that some of the farmers round about are trying to frighten you by threatening you with the policeman on the beat or the Food Controller on the wink, or somebody equally deadly. Well, you can take it from me that you are legally authorised to tell 'em to go to Amerongen. As the dickybirds tell me, you've been a-saying, "It pays I very well, an' the poor hadn't owt t' pay nowt no more; I don't want no blood money." The shilling-a-quart maximum *is* blood money. From potatoes to milk it has never mattered, Bob; the blood-money farmers have piled up their "maximum" always, and they are still grabbing and grasping and grousing. Would they had all the heart and conscience of Farmer Randall, of Long Hedge! JOHN BULL.

To the Right Hon. The Earl of Reading, Lord Chief Justice of England.

DEAR "LORD CHIEF,"—While the Divorce Laws remain as they are, it is important that they should be treated with respect, and I therefore welcome your plain statements in regard to the scandal of "collusion." "Persons who engage in collusive proceedings must understand," runs your timely warning, "that apart altogether from the difficulties they may get themselves into in the Divorce Court, they are rendering themselves liable to criminal prosecution for conspiring to defeat the ends of justice." Clearly the matter is one of the greatest importance, as I myself took occasion to point out the other day with reference to the petition against a well-known M.P. If I may venture upon a homely paraphrase of your warning, a "put up job" in the Divorce Court is a crime as well as a blunder.

JOHN BULL.

A BITTER EXPERIENCE.

GOOD MAN RUINED BY COSTLY LITIGATION.

It has often been remarked that to win a lawsuit may be almost as disastrous as to lose it, a truth enforced by the experience of Mr. George Wagg, of Horninglow, who ten or fifteen years ago was a prosperous builder in the neighbourhood of Burton-on-Trent. The downfall of Mr. Wagg dates from about this time, when, in order to put up two good houses at Little Eaton, he had to obtain permission from the Shardlow District Council to divert a footpath intersecting the chosen site. The Council agreed, but four years later changed their minds, and calmly ordered Mr. Wagg to pull down the houses and restore the footpath. Rather than comply with this preposterous demand the builder took the matter to Court, where, after prolonged argument, he secured a judgment in his favour—but, by some strange oversight, or perhaps on technical grounds that have been lost sight of, no Order for costs was made against the District Council. To meet the demands made upon him he has had to sell a whole terrace of houses, the balance left at his disposal finally amounting to £1 0s. 5d. A petition to the Prime Minister has been prepared, and if ever there was a case for official redress, it is furnished by the experience of this ruined man.

"THE LAST DAYS OF POMPEY"?

LAMENTABLE LACK OF MUNICIPAL ENTERPRISE.

Portsmouth, once the greatest naval port in the world, is now reduced to the status of a mere naval base for small craft. Thousands of men have to leave the Dockyard and seek work elsewhere. Much could have been done by Municipal enterprise to establish fresh industries and so make a name for the town in other directions, but local public men have done little more than talk. There is, the Medical Officer states, a "shortage of 3,000 houses. Working-class houses in the Borough are generally overcrowded, and there are large numbers of families unable to secure the housing accommodation they need. Further, there are large numbers of houses now being occupied which are not fit for human habitation." In one of the local papers, however, it is stated that it is the opinion of several public men, including the Mayor, that "the housing question will solve itself"! As a result of the recent Municipal election some fresh blood has been introduced to the Council. It is hoped that the new Councillors will shake things up.

THE ROAD TO FORTUNE.

EXTRAORDINARY PROPOSAL BY A BRIGHTON FIRM.

The following advertisement has recently been appearing:—"Representatives required every town U.K. to handle real first-hand novelty; £10 to £20 weekly assured. Send full particulars and 2s. 6d. for range samples, refunded first order, Crown Novelty Co., 5, Wentworth Street, Brighton." A Hampstead reader found that the "novelty" was simply a set of picture postcards, representing scenes at Versailles, to be hawked from door to door. In exchange for his half-crown the applicant received three of these pictures, mounted on a showcard, and priced for retail disposal at 1s. the set. Accompanying the goods was a letter from the Crown Novelty Co., offering the cards wholesale at 32s. a gross, cash in advance, the difference between this and the retail price being the source of the "£10 to £20 weekly" mentioned in the advert. Dissatisfied with a shillingsworth of samples as against a deposit of 2s. 6d., our friend wrote again asking for further specimens, but without result. The balance of these deposits, forfeited by inquirers who do not fancy the prospect of hawking postcards at 4d. apiece, must alone represent a nice little profit to the Company.

POISONED by a RUSTY NAIL

Hand Saved by Prompt Use of Cadum Ointment

There is the gravest peril from any poisoned wound, for frequently amputation is necessary and the loss of a limb follows. Instant antiseptic healing action is imperative and in all cases Cadum Ointment should be at once applied – for it ends the festering, calms the throbbing, and pacifies the bitterness of the wound and renews the true nature of the skin. Here is the strongest evidence, and the straightforward statement of Mr. Owen needs no comment. Writing from Slade Timber Yard, Fishguard, Pembrokeshire, he says:—

"I work in a timber stock yard, and a rusty nail in a baulk of timber caused my hand to be poisoned and I thought I had lost the use of it. A day or two after the scratch happened my hand had swollen greatly and the burning, throbbing pain was almost maddening. Poulticing had no effect. I could not move the fingers or use the hand, which had become helpless and dead like. I had seen the good effect of Cadum Ointment as a healer of eczema, but did not know if it would have any effect in the case of blood-poisoning. Finding myself in such a predicament, however, I made a trial with Cadum Ointment, dressing the swollen hand all over with it. The effect of Cadum Ointment was astonishing. The fearful pain stopped almost immediately and in three days the swelling went down, the mass of accumulated corruption being drawn away. The fingers recovered their suppleness, the decayed skin was all quickly taken away by Cadum Ointment, and a new skin grown in its place. It was a wonderfully quick and thorough cure. Cadum Ointment certainly gave me the use of my hand, and I believe intercepted the spreading of the poison up the arm."

It is a wise plan to keep a tin of Cadum Ointment at hand, for it is the best "First Aid" in any emergency. The need to soothe and cleanse a wound is always urgent, and you should inaugurate the healing process without delay. Cadum Ointment has an irresistible healing power which ensures its success in every conceivable skin disease, disorder, inflammation, irritation or eruption. Not only eczema, but such cruelly agonising conditions as ulcers and sores yield to its benevolent agency. Pimples, blotches, ringworm, burns; cuts, chafing, and all forms of scalp and skin trouble are quickly banished by this marvellous healer. The first application draws out the "fire and sting." The smarting ceases and a growth of new, healthy skin is at once stimulated.

Cadum Ointment for Skin Troubles

At all Chemists and Drug Stores, 1/3 a box.

WHEN THE GOTHAS WERE HERE.

DEPRESSING SEQUEL TO LONDON AIR-RAIDS.

The London County Council appear to have been none too generous to the widows and orphans of members of the Fire Brigade killed while on duty in connection with enemy air-raids. For instance, we hear that the widows of the men killed in the disastrous fire on the Albert Embankment in January, 1918, are struggling to keep their homes going in these difficult times on a pittance of 17s. 6d. weekly, with the addition of 3s. 10d. for each child after the first. It is true that at the time of the Embankment tragedy certain sums were paid to the stricken families under the Workmen's Compensation Acts; but, as far as the L.C.C. were concerned, this liability was no doubt liberally covered by insurance, while it has to be remembered further that a period of four months elapsed before the pension scheme was brought into force, a delay that was hardly compensated by making the payments retrospective. A further case for inquiry arises in regard to the special fund for the widows and orphans, to which the public generously subscribed. It would be interesting to know whether any balance-sheet or other official statement regarding the disposal of this money has been published, especially as in some cases brought to our notice widows with a hard struggle to make both ends meet have received not a penny of assistance from this source. From our own never-to-be-forgotten experience we can testify to the splendid heroism of the London firemen during the war, and we are convinced that we correctly interpret the wishes of the public in demanding that the debt we owe to them shall be recognised by a generous consideration for the widows and children bereaved by their heroic sacrifice.

THE ART OF ADVERTISEMENT.

COUNTRY SOLICITOR'S ENTERPRISING CLIENTS.

Solicitors are not permitted to advertise, but their clients are, of course, at liberty to do so. Within the past few weeks an amazing series of announcements appeared in the local Press, "witnessed" by Mr. John W. Aston, of Cannock, Staffs, as a Solicitor and Commissioner for Oaths. Some of these bear descriptive headings, "Warning to Neighbour," "Repudiation of Mean and Jealous Slander," and the like; while in one instance, at least, recourse has been had to the gentle aid of poetry, the advertisement being preceded by the following lines from Tennyson's "The Grandmother":

> That Jenny had tript in her time I knew,
> And she to be coming and slandering me—the base little liar.

With this ominous introduction the advertiser proceeds:—

> As High Court Law is too dear and Magistrates' Court not always available, and only desired to be used in last resort, I enter here my emphatic and aggrieved denial of the venomous Slander that has been circulated and repeated by family in Platt Street, who by now ought to have by bitter experience learnt better. I solemnly say that the statement is entirely false and actionable.
> (Signed), ROBERT WILLIAM ROBERTS, of 86A, Bradford Street, Hightown.
> (Witness), JOHN W. ASTON, Commissioner for Oaths.

Of equal interest is the advertisement in which Arthur Blewitt and his wife Clara, of 13, Church Street, Chadsmoor, solemnly warn "the wife of a neighbour a few doors away in the same yard, who goes about doing what mischief she can, foolishly gabbling about a man whom future generations will call a hero of the wars," that unless she ceases this unseemly conduct, legal proceedings will be taken. This threat of legal action is followed by the signature of the parties, and of Mr. John W. Aston, Solicitor. On behalf of newspaper proprietors generally we thank this worthy professional gentleman for the support which his clients give to the commercial side of the Press.

UNDER THE SHADOW OF THE ABBEY.

SHAMEFUL PROCEEDINGS TO DISPOSSESS HONEST TENANTS—A CALL TO PARLIAMENT.

SURELY it is high time the scandalous haste with which decent and law-abiding persons are being hounded out of their homes was put a stop to. There are to-day hundreds of respectable folk—old people, war widows, returned soldiers, men and women who worked or fought like the heroes they were during the war—who are being harried in a manner which even Bolshevik Russia might be ashamed to acknowledge. We know all about landlords' rights and tenants' rights; but there is a higher right—that is, the just claim of everyone to a roof at night and a bed to sleep in.

Who will believe that in this rich and prosperous London of ours, where the West End restaurants groan every evening under the demands of the war-rich, and the profiteer claims his two pounds of flesh, there are to-night young mothers and young children tramping the streets seeking shelter? There is not the tramp of the vagrant, the slouch of the no'er-do-well. It is the foot-weary effort of honest folk with modest means to find a place to set up their "sticks," and lay a weary head. And to give colour to this distressing picture, let us state the fact—that under the shadow of Westminster Abbey, where lie the bones of men who have made England great, a process of eviction is in progress which is a shame to our greatness. We are in no way impressed by the argument that these honest and humble families are being turned out to make a great clearance whereon to erect new and splendid buildings under the Peabody Trust. Reconstruction which brings distress—if not ruin—to those who cannot struggle against the power of the landlord is a mockery.

Our indictment is against a system which makes the poor suffer in the name of Reconstruction; that turns, as in the case of these streets, 350 persons out of their homes without the smallest chance of finding other lodgings while the Peabody Trust are engaged in rebuilding their dwellings. How, think you, a humble person, rich in the luxury of a single room, can withstand the harsh processes of the law as expressed in this document, which is before us as we write:—

NOTICE TO RECOVER POSSESSION IN THE METROPOLITAN POLICE COURTS.

Metropolitan Police District.

TO WIT I, S. Goodman, 192 Fulham Palace Road in the Parish of in the County of Owner, do hereby give you notice, that unless peaceable possession of the Tenement consisting of The Front Room situate and being at 57 Great Peter Street in the Parish of St. Johns in the County of within the Metropolitan Police District, which was held of the said under a Tenancy from week to week and which Tenancy expired or was determined by notice to quit, bearing date the 3rd day of November in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nineteen and which Tenement is now held over and detained from the said S. Goodman and unless peaceable possession of the same Tenement be given to the said S. Goodman on or before the expiration of Seven clear days from the service of this NOTICE, I, the said shall on Wednesday the 12th day of November in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nineteen at 2 of the Clock in the same day, at the Police Court situate and being in Rochester Row within the Metropolitan Police District, apply to one of the Magistrates of the Police Courts of the Metropolis, sitting at the Police Court aforesaid, and being in the District in which the said Tenement is situate to issue his warrant directing the Constables of the said District to enter and take possession of the said Tenement, and to eject any person or persons therefrom

Dated this 4th day of November in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nineteen.

Witness.

The slipshod nature of this document—the extraordinary blank spaces—is very significant.

Presumably, the "said S. Goodman" is disposing of his property to the Peabody Trust, and we do not question his legal right. But the law-protected threat in this case is repeated by other owners against something like 90 families (roughly 350 persons) in an area bounded by St. Peter Street, Horseferry Road and Chadwick Street, within a stone's throw of the Abbey. And the shame of it is that poor people are being turned out in this bitter weather. There has been a procession of the threatened families to the local Magistrate. Women with children, and ex-soldiers, told the same story of tramping miles in the fruitless search of fresh accommodation. The Magistrate said he was obliged to make Orders for the tenants to leave within 21 days, but he remarked that all those poor people could not be turned homeless in the street. He had no doubt that *every discretion would be exercised in carrying out the Ejectment Orders.*

What guarantee is there that discretion will be used? These Ejectment Notices are flying about in spite of the Courts (Emergency Powers) Act, 1914. That Act was passed to prevent the execution of Ejectment Warrants if the Court was of opinion that the unfortunate tenant was unable to give possession "by reason of circumstances attributable directly or indirectly to the war." And yet they are being made.

We made it our business to call upon some tenants in St. Peter Street. The stairs were choked with mortar dust. In the adjoining rooms men were pulling the ceilings and walls down. The whole house was a skeleton, with the exception of three rooms occupied by a man and wife and five children. The breakers said their instructions were "to proceed," and that "the people" had promised to go out that night. "The people" told us the usual plaintive story—they had walked day and night, but could not find rooms; they were distracted. Let our M.P.s put on their hats, and go and see for themselves. Thank goodness, there is at least one Member who will do so.

IN THE HOUSE.

THE EDITOR'S WORK IN PARLIAMENT.

I HAVE been concentrating attention upon the forthcoming "full dress" debate on Premium Bonds—or, as I prefer to call them, Thrift Prize Bonds. This debate will probably be fixed for Monday or Tuesday of next week, and no question which has come before the present Parliament will arouse more general interest. Of course, the cranks and "goody-goodies" are already at work, under the banner of the moribund Anti-Gambling League, which bases its case upon the findings of a Committee in 1808—when hanging was the penalty for stealing anything of the value of 40s., and when human slavery was regarded as a divine institution! The Parliamentary champions of this prehistoric school are Mr. Ackland, Mr. Hogge, Mr. George Thorne, Mr. Newbould and Commander Kenworthy, and they have tabled the following amendment:

> That this House declines to consent to any scheme of raising a loan which is based on a gamble with the savings of the people, which involves Government solicitation for a lottery which will enrich a few at the expense of the many, which will result in a substantial immediate loss of the value of the money invested to all but those who chance to win prizes, which is contrary to the long-established usage of the British Treasury, is in conflict with public policy, and is calculated to depreciate British credit.

I hope I shall never have a more difficult case to demolish than this. At the same time we must not underrate the effect of the activities of the Little-Bethelites in bringing pressure to bear upon their local Members of Parliament to defeat my motion. What method they propose of raising further money for the national needs, having regard to the existing conditions of markets, they do not tell us. Perhaps their idea is a 10 per cent. Loan—which would have the effect of absolutely destroying British credit and seriously increasing the already exorbitant prices of food and other commodities. However, we shall see what we shall see; and, in the meantime, I am making arrangements for my Victory Bond Club to take up several million pounds' worth of the Bonds, thus enhancing the chances of drawing some of the big prizes and in addition pooling the 2½ per cent. interest which the issue will doubtless carry and having periodical drawings of our own, independently of those of the Government.

Amongst other things, I raised the question—already referred to in these columns—of the sending of police officers in uniform to enquire into the financial stability of householders offering themselves for bail. The Home Secretary—with that implacable regard for official convention which is one of his chief characteristics—thinks such a system is desirable. He utterly fails to appreciate the embarrassment of the wife of a respectable suburban resident on finding her neighbours agog as they observe a uniformed sergeant of police enter her house! I shall not be content to leave the matter where it is.

Another subject I raised was that of the issue of 5s. Treasury Notes. I know, as a matter of fact, that an enormous quantity of these has been printed. It now appears that they have been prepared simply "as a precaution." The Chancellor of the Exchequer hopes it may be unnecessary to introduce legislation to authorise their issue—and, in these circumstances, I am tempted to wonder why the expense of printing them has been incurred, as this could easily have been done when the necessary legislation was introduced. In the meantime, what about 5s. Postal Orders issued free of poundage?

I took no part in the discussion on the Industrial Courts Bill, as I regarded the measure as utterly futile for the purpose of securing Labour peace and preventing strikes. My own Motion will give me greater scope.

Perhaps, however, my most successful work during the week was by pulling up the Premier on the contemplated new policy in Russia, as foreshadowed in his Guildhall Banquet speech. The question I put by private notice on the Monday had the effect of warning him that the country is in no mood for further intervention, and prepared the way for the remarkable trimming-down of the Guildhall declaration which we had on the Thursday.

I also again impressed upon the Chancellor of the Exchequer the folly of giving the Banks more profit upon the purchase of Treasury Bills, with the inevitable increase in the Bank Rate and general terms of discount, and consequent handicapping of trade and commerce. I am glad to notice that the principal City Editors have come round to my view

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A 9618 — 93, Long Acre, London, W.C. — Xmas, 1919

This Coupon entitles the holder to a "John Bull" Pen at the special rates set out below and is equivalent in value to **One Shilling.**

Only one coupon will be taken in part payment for each pen, and is available to December 31st, 1919

£0-1-0 — Signed, The Manager

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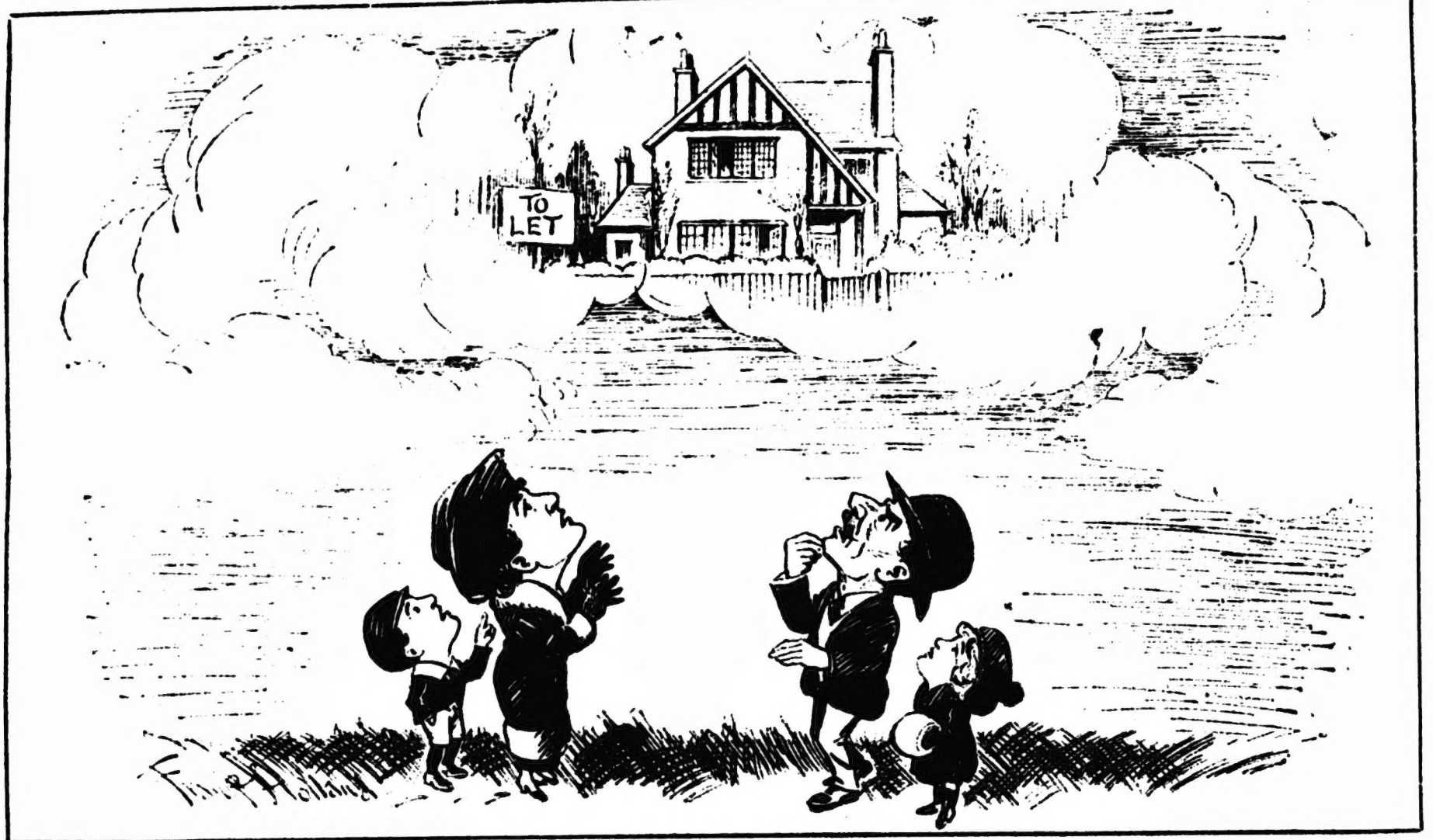

The Castle in the Air.

A "PADRE'S" PLIGHT.

HOW THE CHURCH REWARDS PATRIOTISM.

The plight of some of the gallant "padres" who joined the Forces is distressing. We know of one case in which an ex-chaplain, with a fine record of Army service, has had the greatest difficulty since demobilisation in obtaining the bare necessities of existence. Before his enlistment in July, 1916, this gentleman was the incumbent of a Yorkshire living at £500 per annum, where, in the interval of his parish duties, he put in a great deal of recruiting work and was indefatigable in his labours on behalf of troops quartered in the district. When at length he determined to offer his services as a Chaplain he was given to understand that if he joined up for one year only his living would be kept open, but as this limited undertaking did not satisfy his sense of patriotic duty, he decided to take all risks and throw in his lot with the soldiers for the whole duration of the war. As a result the living was filled up, and when in May of this year the gallant "padre" was demobilised, he found himself without an income or a home. In the meantime he had been compelled to realise what little property he possessed, to sacrifice a valuable life assurance policy, and to withdraw his son from a public school. These facts have been brought to the notice of the Bishop of Wakefield, within whose diocese the Yorkshire living was situated, but so far his Lordship has been unable to assist—although, to judge from the success of his work in Yorkshire and in the Army, the ex-padre is well qualified for preferment. The Church ought, of course, to have devised some suitable machinery for the employment of Army chaplains on their return to civil life, and not leave them to starve in this way.

PALTRY PAY.

CLERKS AND POOR LAW OFFICERS.

There seems no end to our budget of "wicked wages" and "shocking salaries." Mr. Skinflint still advertises them. Here is an example from a Liverpool paper:—"Mailing clerk, male or female, wanted immediately; hours, 2.30 to about 7 p.m. Saturdays, 10 to about 2.30." Such are the hours for the male or female mailer, who, if experienced, will get a whole 15s. a week. Isn't it abominable? Turn next to the Kidderminster Guardians, who are no worse than other Guardians, but quite as bad. They want a married couple as Porter and Assistant Matron at their Poor Law Institution—*i.e.*, workhouse. The porter's salary is £40, with war bonus of £22; the matron's assistant's is £37 10s., and £15 bonus. Their duties, printed like a circular, are bigger than the money. The woman has to rise at 6 summer, and 7 winter, to see that the female casuals and inmates are up and washed. Admitted females she must bathe and cleanse, the children she must attend to, and so on and so forth. The list of work is so long that she will not be off duty till 10 o'clock, and is liable to be called up in the night whenever necessary. The poor porter has even a longer list of jobs, running to four printed pages. We quote two of the smaller ones: "Read the proper prayers to the inmates under his charge, night and morning, . . . say grace, both before and after inmates' meals." So Mr. Porter must do parson's work on top of his own. Altogether, it is quite evident that Poor Law Officers fully earn the small salaries they get. Although the advertisers have not the honesty to say so, there is no doubt that they are looking for a pensioner from the Army or Navy—which makes the case so much the worse.

DOWNING STREET'S BAD JOKE.

WINE & SPIRIT TRADE "COMMERCIAL'S" PLIGHT.

It is perhaps not generally realised that one effect of the Government Liquor Control has been to reduce every establishment for the sale of drink, for consumption on or off the premises, to the status of a "tied house." It is not difficult to imagine the crippling effect of these restrictions upon those formerly engaged as "travellers" in the licensed trade—many of whom have found themselves, like Othello, "without an occupation." As long as the war lasted these gentlemen bore their hardships with exemplary patience, but in July of this year, seeing no hope of a return to normal conditions, they ventured, through their Association, to memorialise the Prime Minister. The reply received from 10, Downing Street, was one of those childish productions with which the Private Secretaries of great men occasionally presume to libel their employers. "I am desired by the Prime Minister," it ran, "to inform you that he has made full inquiries about the matter to which you refer, and wishes me to say that when the present restrictions are removed, competition in the Whisky Trade will probably follow, and enable commercial travellers to resume their occupation." It says much for the patience of the Secretary of the Association that to this bad joke he returned a courteous acknowledgment, "respectfully inquiring" when the happy event indicated might be expected, and what course, in the Prime Minister's opinion, should be taken in the meantime. To these very reasonable questions Downing Street has vouchsafed no answer. If a reply does come, it will probably congratulate the Commercial Travellers on their escape from the Income Tax.

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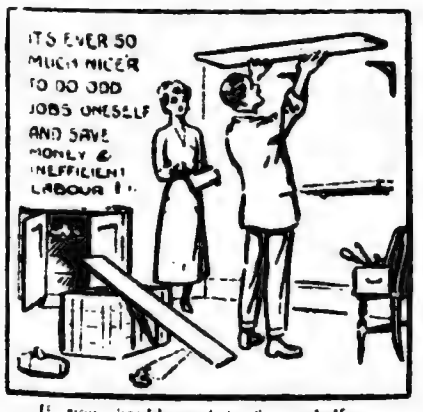

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Old Folks' Christmas.

I suggest that, to celebrate the first "Peace Christmas," the Lord Mayor of London and all other Mayors invite the Old Age Pensioners to a "banquet": a little turtle soup would not do them any harm! Or perhaps hampers in their own homes, like the "cripples" get at Christmas, would be more acceptable.—(Mrs.) CAROLINE RUSSELL FOSTAINE, Argyle Square, W.C.

The People's Playground.

Before the war Alexandra Palace was the playground for many thousands of the poorer class who could not afford seaside or country holidays. It is now commandeered by the Ministry of Pensions. Why could not the Ministry take over some of the big munitions works that have closed down, and restore the Palace to us? H. LAWRENCE, Glenthorne Road, New Southgate.

War Against Sparrows.

Now that war has been declared on rats, it would be to the benefit of the nation if the Government passed a Bill for the destruction of sparrows. The damage caused to our crops by these winged vermin is almost incredible, and besides doing a great deal of damage to our grain crops, sparrows drive away useful insect-eating birds.—RUSSELL MORRISON, Pelland Road, Ealing.

High Prices -Low Birth Rate.

Too much is said about the decreasing birth rate and too little about the increase in the price of milk and many more of the necessities of child life. Working class people of to-day are afraid to bring children into the world to suffer the hardships they will certainly have to suffer should the present prices continue. If the price of milk goes down, the birth rate will go up.—R. WHARTON, Ellison Fold, Darwen, Lancs.

Theatre Queues.

A great number of people are debarred from going to theatres because the queues are formed three or four hours before the doors are opened. Could not this be remedied by a rule forbidding the forming of queues until, say, an hour before opening? This would enable business people (who cannot afford reserved seats) to stand as fair a chance of getting into a theatre as anyone else.—(Mrs.) M. GOWANS, Hercules Road, Lambeth, S.E.

Paying the Doctor.

Having just read the letter on "The Doctor's Bill," I should like to point out we in Cleveland, Yorkshire, have a scheme working at the mines whereby 7d. per fortnight is stopped off the wages of each workman who is so willing. This money is passed on to the local doctors, who doctor the whole family—wife and children. This has proved a capital system, which might well be widely adopted in big industrial places.—G. W. THOMPSON, Graham Street, Liverton Mines, Loftus, S.O., Yorks.

"Pros" and Profiteers.

Can't something be done for three of the music-hall profession who, on tour, find it impossible to get suitable "digs," and have to choose between wretched and exorbitant-priced lodgings and a railway waiting room? I feel sure that there are good souls in every town who would be only too pleased to provide "digs." at a reasonable charge for "pros." If they would only declare themselves, and publish their names and addresses, the lot of the "pro," would be much lighter. Much is said of the chorus girl, but who drives her to temptation like the profiteering landlady?—R. MACDONALD, Cathcart Road, Govanhill, Glasgow.

The Milk Ramp.

The report of the United Dairies, Ltd., the big London Milk Combine—appeared at a very opportune moment, when a further increase in the price of milk was announced. No justification for this advance is to be found in the United Dairies' report for the year to the 30th June last. This shows that the company's dividends from subsidiary undertakings have advanced from £103,000 to £192,100, and the total profits for the year stand at £253,400, as against £153,400 for the previous year. If such enormous profits can be secured with milk at its former price, it is hard to find a sound explanation for a further advance.—W. HEATHFIELD, Berkshire Road, E. 9.

Five Guineas is paid to the writer of the most interesting letter. That amount has been sent to Mrs. Possee.

Playing Pitches.

Everyone knows that outdoor games are absolutely necessary for the development of youth into sturdy manhood. But when a small football club requires a pitch to play on, perhaps only on a Saturday afternoon, the landowner often asks a prohibitive price; whereas, if he let the pitch on a sporting offer, it would probably mean little to him, but a great deal to the struggling club and to the rising generation.—A. RICHARDSON, Magdel Lane, Maltby, near Rotherham, Yorks.

Business Licence Delays.

If an ex-Service man wants to open a small business he has to apply for a licence through the Ministry of Labour and fill up a form stating that he is an Englishman, what he wants the business for, also what he has done since 1914. Also he must pay rent, rates, and taxes while the Ministry of Labour considers his application, which lasts some considerable time. If an Englishman is good enough to serve in His Majesty's Forces for over three years he should have his licence granted within forty-eight hours, and without any consideration whatever.—PERCY SMITH, Playford Road, Finsbury Park, N.

Christmas Holiday Pay.

If employers are anxious for industrial peace, let them, out of their profits, pay the workmen for the days they have to lose at Christmas, Easter, Whitsun, etc. Many men who have worked conscientiously for one firm for upwards of a quarter of a century have to lose all holidays. Food and everything else being now so dear, there will be little left after buying the Christmas dinner out of their Slate Clubs' share out. This wages concession would go far to counteract the agitators who are thriving on the workers' grievances.—(Mrs.) FLORENCE POSSEE, Haig Road, Plaistow, E.

Too Lazy to Vote.

At the recent Municipal Elections less than half the electors voted. I suggest that all those who have a vote and don't use it, unless with very good reason, ought to be fined, and deprived of their vote for a specified period.—A. R. DOW, Orchard Road, Falkirk.

Transfer of Land Ownership.

Our complex civilisation has created many problems. One of them is the appalling formalities involved in the transfer from one person to another of a strip of land with a shanty upon it. The titles to every scrap of the British Isles are now as clear as they will ever be. Therefore, there is no reason why a transfer of the rights conveyed by them should not be as simple as it is in the case of a "bearer" bond.—M. R. INGLIS, Castle Street, Edinburgh.

Water-Borne Traffic.

The efficiency of our transport service—so vital to the economic interest of the country—has been seriously impaired by war conditions. A much fuller use should be made of our canals and inland waterways, which offer a cheap and easy method of moving bulky goods which are not affected by the comparative slowness of barge traffic. Not only should the existing systems be more fully utilised, but they should be extended in every possible direction, thus setting free valuable goods space on the rails.—J. F. ROBINSON, Stoke House, Seaford, Sussex.

Luxury Tax on Picture Deals.

When a working man goes to the "Pictures" he pays, in addition to an entrance fee of 1s., an Entertainments Tax of 3d. On principle, the tax is justifiable; therefore, why should a wealthy individual who buys one picture—such as the "Romney" which has just changed hands at 52,000 guineas—not also pay an Entertainments or Luxury Tax of 25 per cent. on the purchase price? In order to give Art due protection, the purchase price of pictures by living artists could be exempted from taxation—as it is almost invariably pictures by dead artists which fetch fabulous sums in the auction rooms.—JOHN STEWART, Gibson Street, Hillhead, Glasgow.

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Women—whose mission is to remain quietly at home, tending and training their children—often think their sphere limited and their advantages curtailed; whereas, if they would only realise it, their influence is limitless. Into the great world of Art, Science, Politics and Religion, their home teaching will go forth, to bear fruit—good or evil. There is no power on earth, nor ever has been, comparable to the influence of the mothers of a race!—MRS. TOPLIS, Newbold Road, Chesterfield.

Hint for the Admiralty.

In view of the limited accommodation on passenger steamers available for the great number of people desiring to go abroad, could not large cruisers be placed at the disposal of the travelling public for the use of single men, and thereby increase the cabin space for the married? On the return journey, the cruisers could fill up with demobbed Tommies—who certainly would not object to a hammock as long as England was reached! "Skeleton crews" only would be necessary for working the ships.—R. M. LEWIS, Stone Street House, Petham, near Canterbury.

The Old Grievance.

Why doesn't the Government make betting "legal" throughout the United Kingdom, instead of as at present one law for the rich and another for the poor? Why shouldn't the working man have his "bob" on in a straightforward manner, instead of having to creep about like a thief in the night when he wants to "back his fancy"? Let the Government appoint one or more "official" commission agents in each town, according to its size, and impose a small tax on each pound changing hands. They would reap a substantial harvest.—ALFRED SEYMOUR, Ashby Street, Norwich.

A "National News" Pulpit.

Recently clergymen have complained that there is a falling-off in Church attendance, while laymen have complained that frequently the present-day services are anything but inspiring. Yet it is generally agreed that the average man, given a "straight-from-the-shoulder" sermon, will not fail to appreciate it. Hence I would suggest that a column of the *National News* be opened as a "National Pulpit," and clergymen of all denominations be invited to contribute to it real, rousing sermons, which assuredly would be eagerly read.—THOMAS W. PLEWS, Queen's Pk. Rd., Brighton.

"Educated Devils."

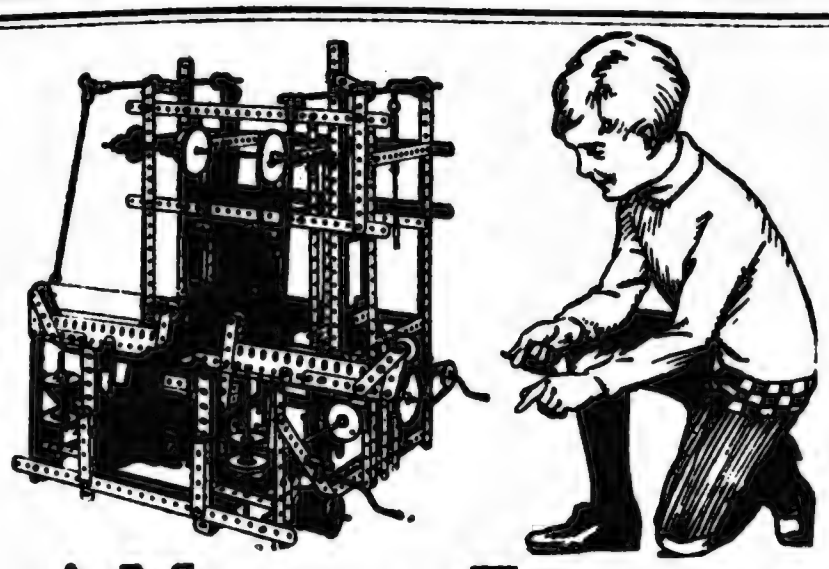
Some 25 years ago a speaker at the annual meeting of the Christian Police Association, said: "If you educate a child without the restraining influences of religion, you make an educated devil of him." For the past 40 years the civilised nations of the world have educated their children without the restraining influences of religion, with the result that to-day we see Bolshevism, Anarchy, and every form of crime rampant on every hand.—THOMAS CLEMENT FRENCH, Grove Mill House, Hitchin.

"Dud" M.P.s.

Some Members of Parliament who were elected to the House of Commons several years ago, and who along with others were returned last December, have not yet given their maiden speech, neither have they raised their voice for or against any Government measure. On their election speeches and promises such members were sent by their constituents to represent them in Parliament at a salary of £400 per year. The constituents, having made the appointment, ought also to have the power to dismiss such a member as inefficient, his place to be taken by a "real live" man.—JOHN THOMSON, Balcarres Street, Morningside, Edinburgh.

The Comforting "Quartern."

Winter is upon us, and unfortunately we may expect a return of the influenza scourge. Stimulant is a necessity in influenza, and many people would be thankful if they were able to obtain either brandy or whisky in a smaller quantity than a bottle. Many cannot afford the 17s. 6d. or 10s. 6d. per bottle, but could manage the price of a quartern if the publicans were allowed to serve that quantity for consumption off the premises. Last year, during the epidemic, stimulant was not procurable in some places even with a doctor's certificate, and many lost their lives in consequence.—CATHERINE HENDY-DAVIES, Cambridge Road, Southend.



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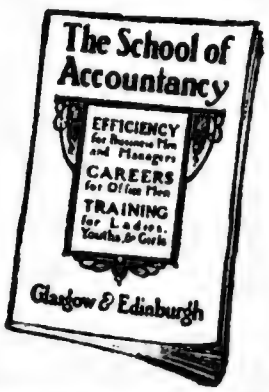
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PREMIER PUTS

Toying with the Russian Problem—The Yellow

By THE

THIS week I propose to say a few words about Russia—not from any desire to embarrass the Government, but because it is high time this wretched tangle was straightened out. At the outset, however, let me beg my good friend Lord Northcliffe to make his mind easy, for I certainly have no intention of "shaking hands with murder," the vile atrocities of Bolshevist rule having bred in my heart and mind a just hatred of Lenin and Trotsky and their bloodthirsty associates, akin to my detestation of the guilty Huns. But we cannot stay this red torrent of crime by mere denunciation of the criminals, nor are we in a position, even if it were desirable, to take on to our shoulders the task of policing Eastern Europe and reducing the Bolshevist rabble to decency and order. Angry as our hearts may be at this spectacle of crime and outrage assailing all that is sacred in civilised life, it is our duty to use our heads as well—to apply common sense to the situation, and to think out some plan of terminating this blood-red scandal, or at least of reducing its proportions without, as the Yankees expressively phrase it, "cutting off more than we can chew."

That Guildhall Speech.

And here I have a bone to pick with Mr. Lloyd George. He has not handled this vast subject, if I may say so, with all proper respect, with the seriousness and dignity that it deserves, nor with that statesmanlike grasp that we are entitled to expect from a British Prime Minister. There is no need to explore the past; I will begin with the right hon. gentleman's speech at the Lord Mayor's Banquet ten days ago. For centuries it has been the custom of our leading Minister to use this gorgeous occasion for the purpose of announcing important departures in Government policy, and the Prime Minister must not complain if his post-prandial observations were taken more seriously than he intended. It is possible, of course, that the excellent hospitality for which the City of London is famous may have induced a more roseate view of the European situation than was actually warranted by the facts, but Ministers of the Crown are understood to be proof against such subtle influences, and what a Prime Minister says amid the glamour of the Guildhall he must be prepared to justify in the cold daylight of the House of Commons. But this is where Mr. Lloyd George has failed us. His words at the Guildhall were calculated—I must not say intended—to indicate that there had been a welcome change in the Russian situation; that he, as Prime Minister, was able to take a more sanguine view of the prospects of a settlement than was to be gathered from Mr. Churchill's speech in Parliament a few days previously. "I am hopeful," he is reported to have said, "that when the winter gives time for all sections in Russia to reflect, and to reconsider the situation, an opportunity may offer itself to the Great Powers to promote peace and concord in that great country."

Most Dismal of Damp Squibs.

If some imp of mischief had sat at the Prime Minister's elbow, he could not have prompted him to a more unfortunate utterance. At once the friends of Bolshevism in this country ran shouting that Lloyd George was to shake hands with Lenin—tidings promptly translated by the Premier's critics as "shaking hands with murder." Meanwhile, sober politicians held their tongues and waited until such time as the Prime Minister might choose to explain his cryptic announcement, and unfold to the House of Commons the new policy which had inspired his Guildhall speech. The opportunity came on Thursday last, in reply to questions from all quarters of the House. Mr. Lloyd George was in excellent Parliamentary form, thoroughly at home in his surroundings, and equal, it might have been thought, to the fullest demands of the situation. But the speech was the most dismal of damp squibs. A few meaningless generalisations; the usual leavening of pious aspiration; a hint that the whole question of Russia might shortly be reconsidered by the Supreme Allied Council, at Paris; a cheap jibe at the Northcliffe Press; and that was all. Not a glimpse of the hare started at the Guildhall Banquet!—not a single reference to that festive occasion. Not a word of explanation of a speech that, translated into every Continental language, had set half Europe by the ears, raising grave consternation in Paris, serene expectations in Moscow, and high hopes in Berlin. Nevertheless, disappointing as was the Government's attitude last week, and again in Monday's inconclusive debate, the position is clearer than it was. We know now that the Government's policy in Russia is to have no policy at all. If the situation were less serious than it is, we might humbly return thanks for this negative satisfaction, but unfortunately I cannot take this easy view. It is all very well for the Little England group to tell us that we must mind our own business, and leave Russia to "stew in her own juice," but the matter is not so easily disposed of. It *is* our business; no nation in these days can live unto itself, and the tragedy that has overtaken this great people is brought home to every door. This wasting disease ravaging half the Continent affects every household in Europe. You cannot have one of the greatest producing countries in the world, rich beyond conception in all that makes for human comfort and prosperity, rent and torn by civil war, paralysed by anarchy and disorder, without scarcity in every market and stringency in every home. The waste and loss involved are so enormous as scarcely to be measurable in terms of human value. If she had found peace, if the energies of her people had been devoted to the labour of production and to the development of her rich resources, Russia might have fed the world in the day of famine. And that is only one aspect of the matter.

The Yellow Peril.

There is the danger that the poisonous fever of anarchy may spread, either by open contagion or subtle intrigue, until the heart of Western civilisation is assailed by its devouring flames. What might have happened within the last year or two if Russia, like France in her revolutionary days, had found a Napoleon? It is notorious that Lenin and Trotsky and the partners of their usurped power desire not simply supremacy in Russia, but world dominion, which they hope to achieve by means of universal revolution, backed by the military power of Russian Bolshevism. It may seem a mad dream, but wait a moment, and consider. Take a map, and look at the vast expanse of Asia. Have you thought of the grim possibilities that may some day spring to birth in that fascinating world of mystery? Have you reckoned with China's awakening millions? Already Bolshevist emissaries are at work within the once-closed frontiers of the Celestial Empire. I say deliberately, having used every possible means of obtaining reliable information, that if you allow the Bolshevist leaders to consolidate their position, and to stamp out the last remnants of resistance, they will stick at nothing to bring about that world convulsion that is the burden of their evil dreams. It is all very well to tell me that the Russians are not a military people, that the Lenins and Trotskys are not skilled in the art of war; perhaps not, but if they need military guidance they can get it. Need I say where from? How far is it as the crow flies from Petrograd to Berlin? What is to be the future of the German military caste, which, if there is to be no more war, will be like Othello "without an occupation"? You may talk of admitting Germany to the League of Nations, after exacting "securities" of some sort for her good behaviour, but am I to be told that the devil of Prussianism is exorcised from the Teuton heart—that of Bernhardi's great alternatives "World Power or Downfall" she has made the latter her permanent choice? Well, to put it bluntly, I don't believe it. I shall never trust a German, or any body of Germans, as long as I live. I believe that large and influential sections of the German people will always be ready to lend a sympathetic ear to proposals for the revival of the ruined dream of world dominion, that they will keep an open eye for opportunities in Russia, where they are already engaged in busy intrigue—their motto, "Great Russia for the Bolshevists, and the Bolshevists for us." Just think over the possibilities thus opened up. The situation demands the closest attention of the Allied statesmen. And there is no time to lose. I have said that the British Government has no policy in this matter, and I see no reason to retract this observa-

HIS FOOT IN IT.

Peril—Premium Bonds—Cant in the Commons.

EDITOR.

tion. Nothing that has happened within the last few days justifies a more favourable view. We are now told that, as the outcome of conferences in Paris, and the visit of MM. Pichon and Poincaré last week, a "complete understanding" has been reached between Great Britain and France. But on what basis? Why, simply that neither country is to give further assistance to the anti-Bolshevist forces in Russia on the one hand, or to open up negotiations with Lenin and his murderous crew, on the other. Is there much difference between this helpless attitude and the counter-proposal of "leaving Russia to stew in her own juice"? Little or none that I can see. I am afraid the prospects are not cheering. I must therefore be excused for offering one or two tangible suggestions.

To Prevent the Spread of Bolshevism.

We want no more military adventures, involving the sacrifice of precious lives, and a drain on our finances. The proper course, as it seems to me, is for the Allies in Council to set up a joint Commission to inquire into the whole complex tangle of Russian affairs, with a view to such decisive and united action as may be possible in the circumstances and within the joint means of the Allied Powers. At least, it ought to be possible to draw around the plague-stricken area what the French call a *cordon sanitaire* to prevent the spread of Bolshevism to districts as yet untouched, and to ferret out and put a stop to underhand intrigue between the Russian usurpers and other Governments—especially those that have put their signature to the Peace Treaty. My own strong impression, as far as Mr. Lloyd George is concerned, is that in this matter he has got what is known in the Army as "the wind up"; that it is one of the directions in which, since the war, his usual courage has failed him. He has been keeping a nervous eye on the political barometer, and, I am afraid, taking a little too much notice of the bye-elections. This may be "political strategy," a subject upon which the Prime Minister has claimed expert knowledge, but it is not statesmanship. What the country has chiefly condemned in the Government's attitude towards Russian affairs has been its haphazard character, its lack of clear principle, and the uncertainty felt as to its ultimate aims. If the Prime Minister, when he comes back from Paris, can announce a clearly thought out policy, agreed upon by all the Allies, with its burden equally shared, and its purposes clear to all men's views, he need not fear the criticism of the House of Commons, or of the electors. But the policy of drift must cease. At present, it seems, the attitude of the Government is that we are not going to fight the Bolshevists, and not going to make peace with them; not going to help anyone else to fight them, nor, I suppose, to approve of anyone else making peace with them; not going forward, not going back; and not going to stay where we are. Well, if this is statesmanship, I have been badly instructed in the elements of that noble art. My own strong conviction is that "the resources of civilisation," as opposed to the tyranny of Bolshevism, have not yet been properly tested. It has been left to individual Powers to contribute as little or as much as they chose to the solution of the problem, there having been a complete lack of that "strategic unity" that won us the war. I shall be told, I suppose, that the League of Nations is not yet formally in being, but I confess that the impotence of the Allies in the face of the Russian menace does not inspire with high hopes of its achievements. Where Russia is concerned, we are all at sixes and sevens. This is not the way to fight a plague. If it is desirable to send a military force into Russia—a step impracticable at present—then it must be a joint expedition, made up on an equitable basis from the Allied armies, and financed by contributions to a common fund. Similarly, if it be decided to garrison the borders of Russia so as to prevent Bolshevist communication with neighbours East or West. But the main thing is to press for the immediate establishment of a Joint Allied Commission, which need not necessarily be the "rump" of the Supreme Council in Paris, to take the whole business in hand and devise a workable policy. For if Russia can be saved the benefits to humanity will be incalculable. In every European country the effects would immediately be felt in added plenty, relieved industrial tension, and an immediate access of wealth and prosperity. It is this central canker that is poisoning the life-blood of Europe, making it desperately hard for her peoples to recover from the strain and exhaustion of a cruel war. We do not want to use the "knife" if we can help it—so, first of all, I suggest that the Allied physicians should get to work. It will have to be a stiff potion, but I am not without hopes if only the doctors will lay their heads together in good earnest. And so, for the present, I will leave them to their task.

Cant in the Commons.

Now a few words more about Premium Bonds—the great Debate upon which will probably take place at the beginning of next week. It is now quite obvious that we are to be inundated with a flood of canting protestations against the wickedness of the State recognition of anything savouring of the "gambling spirit." Not a word, apparently, is said by the opponents of the scheme as to the purely fiscal aspect of it, and the enormous relief it would afford to the present strained condition of our national finances. Nor is any consideration given to the fact that the scheme would act as an enormous incentive to thrift on the part of the working classes, and would divert into the national exchequer huge sums at present wasted on drink, betting, tinsel jewellery, and other things. As regards the argument—the only serious one put forward—that an issue of Premium Bonds would tend to lower the credit of the country, have those who use it for one moment considered the alternative? That the Chancellor of the Exchequer will soon be called upon to raise further large sums is beyond question. How is he to do it, with all war stocks standing at a heavy discount, with foreign exchanges against us, and with an increased Bank Rate? Is he to make an issue at 10 per cent.—which he would have to do to attract really large money? If so, the day of British credit has gone for ever. And, what is equally certain, even then the Little Man would stand aloof. The workman with a pound or two to spare is not attracted by the prospect of a few shillings a year in the way of interest. Give him, however, a small return upon his capital—say, 2½ per cent. compound interest, which would mean the return to him by the State at the end of ten years of 26s. for every pound invested—and throw in the chance of securing a prize at any one of the periodical drawings, and he would simply shovel his money into the national bag. Indeed, as I have said elsewhere, the proper title of these Bonds would be Thrift Prize Bonds. However, I hope for the opportunity, when the matter comes before Parliament, of dealing with all these silly—and, I am sorry to say, in most instances, canting—objections to the scheme.

Don't Bother About the Bishops.

I am convinced that we shall get a great majority in the House of Commons—and, although we shall probably have to run the gauntlet of the Bench of Bishops in the Lords, I shall be greatly surprised if they do not also sanction the scheme. However, after all, in matters political Bishops do not much count. They opposed the abolition of hanging for petty theft and sheep stealing; they opposed the abolition of human slavery; they opposed the extension of the franchise; they opposed the Ballot Act—indeed, have throughout always ranged themselves against progressive legislation. I suggest that, between now and the time when Premium Bonds come up for their consideration, they should "search the Scriptures" for any condemnation of the principle which such Bonds involve; and they should also consider arguments for the purpose of reconciling their attitude in this matter with their acquiescence in the collection by the State of many millions a year from the "drink traffic" and the duty upon playing-cards. Let them remember the story I have already told in Parliament of the Roman Emperor who, when twitted with the tainted source of some of his revenue, placed a handful of the money to his nose and observed, "*Non olet!*"—It doesn't smell. Neither will Premium Bonds. Indeed, in a generation's time so advantageous will have been their operation, both from the point of view of the State and of the public, that they will be as the scent of attar of roses to the nostrils of the Chancellor of the Exchequer!

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The contents of your inside!
But if you'd my feelings *real* from me
Building houses is my pride!

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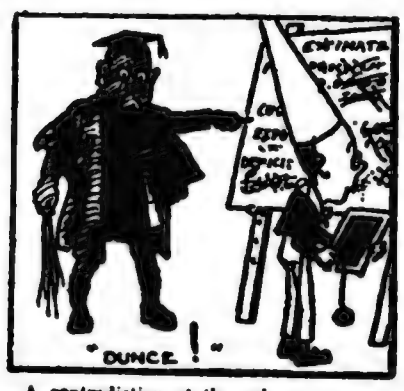

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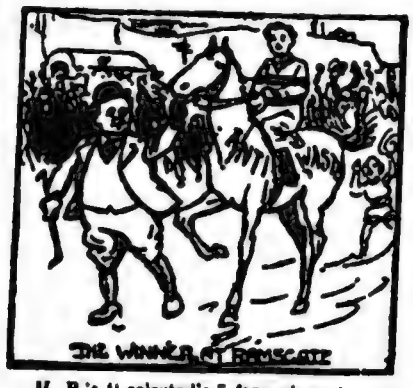

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RACING.

Our three-year-olds have been much below the standard this year.

Alasnam came with "an eleventh-hour rush" to redeem their character when just squeezing home from Knoo Box II. in the Derby Cup. Still, they are a poor lot. Will Alasnam follow in the footsteps of Proclamation, of Sloan fame, and win both the Derby Cup and the Manchester November Handicap?

As regards the Manchester November Handicap, surely Alasnam must by now have had enough of it. In any case we shall discard him for this race, and go out boldly for a horse which has undergone a special preparation for it, was never better in his life than he now is, and is undoubtedly well handicapped. That horse is the Editor's Avonley, which should be backed both to win and for a place.

Planet has a 7-lb. pull with Alasnam, which should again make it a near thing between them. Planet has a great liking for the Castle Irwell track, so has our Editor's horse, Avonley, for that matter. In horsey gossip, one is as much "at home" as the other.

F. Slade has had a highly successful riding season for a comparative stranger in our midst. He is a rider of great talent, if a little impetuous at times. Slade will be able to do the weight on Avonley in the November Handicap without undue wasting.

Two good light weights have come to the front this season in Garnett and Weston, and it was a treat to see their brushes in the Derby Cup. Weston will be claimed for John Jackett in the Manchester November Handicap, and we shouldn't be the least surprised were he to put up a big show.

Be on the *qui vive* for the Editor's horses at Manchester. Storm Witch has done so well since being under Hare's charge at Dicker, that she is likely to win one of her races at the meeting. She ran a lot better in the London Cup than is generally supposed.

LAWN TENNIS.

Lawn tennis is the game on which the sun never sets. Our International team are now *en route* to Australia for the Davis Cup-tie, and shortly there is to be a jolly jaunt of numerous English players to enjoy the revival of the pre-war round of tournaments on the Sunny Riviera. Mr. G. M. Simond will be at his old post and he has ofherated in so many countries on the Continent that he is known as the "referee in all languages."

FOOTBALL.

We feel right glad that the Football League did not readily jump at the pretty little scheme whereby Huddersfield were to be deprived of their football club for the benefit of Leeds. The Leeds City club was expelled from the League for the misdoings of its officials, and the principle of escaping full punishment by what amounts to subterfuge is one that needs seriously thinking over.

We are sorry for the Leeds public, but the moral is that supporters and annual meetings should take a more active interest in seeing that their club affairs are conducted above board. Loyal Huddersfield people have the opportunity of saving their club, but the amount of money they have to find to meet deficiencies is monstrously big; and insistence upon the full amount is in the nature of an imposition.

Candidly, rather than the Huddersfield club should go over to Leeds lock, stock and barrel, we should prefer to see it wound up and a new club started on similar lines to the new Leeds United club, and begin in a humble way. Should players have to be parted with, they could be disposed of in the same amicable manner as were the Leeds City players when the smash came.

Result of Football Competition No. 9.

In our 9th Football Competition no competitor succeeded in giving a correct forecast of the 18 matches played on November 8th, but the following 13 competitors sent coupons with three errors each, and therefore share the prize of £100: J. Clarke, 1, Dale End, Kendal; C. Davis, 7, Outram Street, King's Cross, N.1.; J. Gale, 138, Rhondda Street, Swansea; C. F. Hall, 22, Creswell Street, King's Lynn; H. Haslam, The Mount, Hill Lane, Blackley, Manchester; T. Henderson, 31, Montgomery Street, Edinburgh; Mrs. E. Hunnings, 213, Vicarage Road, Leyton, E.10; T. Liddle, 14, Girven Terrace, W. Easington Lane, Hetton-le-Hole; H. Nicholson, 16, Jesus Lane, Cambridge; E. Rule, 9, Atlas Road, High Street, Plaistow, E.13; H. Sephton, 6, Wilkinson Street, Leigh, Lancs.; G. L. Thomas, Bodwas House, Rugby Road, Resolven; J. Webster, 19, Haven Street, Grimsby.

This week we are again making an exceptionally attractive offer in connection with our new Football Competition. The sum of £250 will be paid to the sender of ten winning teams or, failing that, to the sender of the largest number of winning teams. This competition is exclusive to JOHN BULL, and has never before appeared in any paper. Do not fail to fill up the coupon on page iii. of cover. Remember this is a one-week competition.

ATHLETICS.

So far, we haven't seen any flag waving, or notice anyone drop dead from excitement over next year's Olympic Games. For our part, they leave us stone cold, although we are just a wee bit interested to know where all the money is coming from to pay various officials and the numerous other expenses attached to a vast organising scheme which appeals only to a small minority.

By far the better and more convenient form of international sport is that of the spontaneous kind, such as the Davis Cup competition at lawn tennis, the cricket tests, and football and polo internationals. They have the great merit that nobody has to pass round the hat to make them possible. Except for the element of sentiment, nothing would please us more than to see the whole scheme of the Olympic Games vetoed for ever.

WEEK'S RACING SELECTIONS.

WARWICK—WEDNESDAY.

Corinthian Handicap—*POT HERB.
Wroxton Handicap—MISS CHEEK.
Edgehill Nursery—CLAIRVOYANTE G.

MANCHESTER—THURSDAY.

De Trafford Plate—*STORM WITCH.
Woodland Nursery—ELSON.
Rothschild Plate—MAPLE DURHAM.

MANCHESTER FRIDAY.

Flying Handicap—IRISH KING.
Sedgeley Handicap—*CHEAP POPULARITY.
Ellesmere Handicap—PICK'NY.

MANCHESTER—SATURDAY.

Farewell H'cap—STORM WITCH, if ab. WODEN
Beresford Stakes—GIFT OF THE GAB.
November H'cap—AYNSLEY, win and place.
Worsley Nursery—*FANCY MAN.

LINGFIELD PARK—FRIDAY.

Medway Plate—CLAP GATE.
November Nursery—RED WINGS.
Open Welter—*VERTIGO.

LINGFIELD PARK—SATURDAY.

Country Plate—*RUCKINGE QUEEN C.
Back End Handicap—SUNNY RHYNE.

BOXING.

It is remarkable how Carpentier stock has risen in France and the increasing confidence there prevailing over his contest with Beckett. Seeing that Carpentier has shown no form as a guiding line since the war period, patriotism rather than sound judgment would appear to inspire this confidence. Were his unsatisfactory contest with Dick Smith to be taken as an example of form, it would be odds on Beckett. The Frenchman, however, now having time for complete concentration, is giving his supporters at Stanmore the utmost satisfaction.

The Goddard and McLaglen contest at the N.S.C. on November 24th, is arousing the widest interest. Goddard is extremely anxious to right himself after his débacle in his brief fight with Beckett, but we can promise him a rough time if he has not improved his defence. So far, he has shown himself to be a better hitter than a boxer.

A correspondent has sent us a report of a Free Church Minister meeting at Newport. From what we read, their pious indignation over the iniquities of boxing reached amazing heights, and yet they decided not to pass a resolution—as boxing had taken such a strong hold in Wales that any resolution on their part was unlikely to have a practical effect! What were they afraid of that they failed to show the courage of their convictions?

The courageous boxing critic of the *National News* has been saying pointed things about the inflated purses for the big boxing contests, and the consequent prohibitive prices for admission which crowd out the rank and file, whose loyal support has in the past made the promoters' calling possible and profitable. "The offer of a £35,000 purse for the Dempsy *v.* Carpentier or Beckett fight," says this critic, "is most harmful for the sport, for no fight is worth it." These remarks have met with a chorus of approval from the man in the street.

Basham was not quite at his best against Matt Wells, but why a section of the crowd protested against Mr. Hull's very excellent verdict we failed to understand, as on a points decision Basham undoubtedly had something in hand. Had he shown the same confidence in the earlier, as he did in the latter stages, he would have won overwhelmingly. He was the faster man, but frequently missed his objective in a manner quite foreign to him.

BILLIARDS.

We find it difficult to reconcile Inman's position in regard to the billiards' championship with his attitude in issuing a challenge to concede any other player a start of 1,500 for very heavy stakes.

Should he decide not to defend his title because of his resentment of the new condition that the Champion must play through, he will, of course, be on very safe ground as far as his reputation is concerned, as by playing on handicap in his outside matches he will not exactly tarnish his record if he is beaten. Inferentially, however, arises the point that, if he has so much confidence in himself as to concede starts, he should be imbued with the same confidence over his championship chances on level terms.

No doubt he has that confidence, but if he is merely holding out on a question of principle we have the honour to disagree with him. The new controlling body of billiards knows its business and is actuated by what is best for the game. The contention that they have no right to alter championship conditions is absurd. If it held good, there would be no reforms in sport, and we hold that, as in golf, championships should be competed for under equal conditions. There is need for similar reform in the lawn tennis championships.

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"TOMMY."

Held Back: If the Major commanding No. 21 R.A.S.C. supplies camp at Darrington takes an interest in his command, which we do not doubt, he will do something for those entitled to demobilisation under A.O. 365. The neighbouring units have given the men the benefit of the Order.

Filth in France:—Men who have passed the No. 6 Rest Camp in Calais complain about its filthy and semi-wrecked condition. Many of the hut windows are out, doors have no latches, and the rooms are disgracefully dirty. The tables in the dining quarters are black with grease, and the arrangements are such that the food parade generally resembles a football scrummage. We know that we may soon abandon the camp, but that is no reason why it should be in its present condition.

Pity the Cripples: The Netley Hospital is a building of three storeys, and on the second and top floors are a number of men who "left their legs behind." Some time ago they were allowed to use the lift until 10 p.m. to attend the bi-weekly cinema show and visit the canteen to buy food. Now the lift stops at 7 p.m., and as a result their little joys are sadly diminished.

The Regiment's Women: If it is intended that women on the married strength of regiments only are to accompany their husbands abroad, why not tell them so? Several battalions have lately been sent overseas, and their women-folk were kept back with a promise that they would follow soon; but now they have been warned to disperse with the remark that they may be sent out in a couple of years' time!

"JACK."

The Minesweepers:—When crews joined for mine-clearing service in April last, they were promised special badges; but we find that various vessels have not received them, notwithstanding repeated applications. The men must continue to live in hope—if they kick hard enough they may get them in a year or two.

Bits from the Baltic:—The crews of H.M.S. *Wakeful*, *Princess Margaret*, and other vessels in the Baltic send us letters complaining that they are more or less neglected regarding stores and comforts, and pointing out that a diet of tinned foods every day is not "the stuff to give 'em," as their work demands the best procurable. If the expense would not be too great, we advise the dispatch weekly of a store-ship.

From the Same Quarter:—From another vessel we hear that most of the ship's company want boots, but cannot obtain them, as there are none on board; also that flannels, serge suits, socks, and other necessaries cannot be had. Do send that store-ship, please!

Jack's "Ticket":—Some time ago an Admiralty Order was issued promising discharge tickets to seamen and marines who found work ashore. We hear from various ships that men who have fulfilled the condition are still being retained, some of the ratings on the *Europlus* having been kept back for several weeks. If the Order is not promptly acted upon, we fear that some of the jobs will be no longer available when the men are discharged—and they will thus be thrown on the "dole."

Prize Money. Look out for a distribution of prize money in the early months of next year.

"THE SILVER BADGERS."

Secretaries of Discharged Sailors' and Soldiers' organisations, in sending cases of injustice or other information, should mark their envelopes "Silver Badgers."

Disabled Soldiers and the Needle:—It is rather a big transition from the bayonet to the sewing needle, but many seriously incapacitated ex-soldiers and sailors may be glad to hear of the Disabled Soldiers' Embroidery Industry (10-12, Ebury Street, S.W.1), which teaches various marketable forms of embroidery to men unable to work outside their homes. The Industry sends skilled lady teachers to the pupils' homes, and undertakes to sell all work done under its auspices. Both London and country men to whom this sort of employment appeals should communicate with the Hon. Secretary, at the address mentioned above.

The Soldiers in Jail:—The refusal of the authorities to consider the question of amnesty for ex-soldiers who are now in prison for military offences when peace was concluded has aroused much feeling throughout the country; but the matter is to be taken up at the conference of branches of the National Association of Discharged Sailors and Soldiers to be held in Birmingham in a week or so—a proposed resolution drawing attention to "the fact that colonial military prisoners were released after the signing of peace, while British prisoners are still detained." Other organisations of discharged men can help here.

The Canteen Funds.—Every man who has spent money in the canteens appears to have written us appealing for help to get a dole out of Lord Byng, who has resigned his Army appointment to look after the Canteen Surplus Funds. We repeat what we have already said. No individual case can be considered by headquarters, but must be placed before the local Committees of discharged and demobilised men, whom Lord Byng has invited to co-operate with him.

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No Compensation: A poor old lady was knocked down by a tramcar and disabled. In the circumstances she was not entitled to compensation, although the accident was no fault of her own.

His Helpmate Gone: The wife of a discharged soldier died consumed, and the widower naturally wished to avoid the stigma of a parish funeral.

One Who Helped Us: An ex-munition worker is suffering badly from the effects of T.N.T. poisoning. She was destitute, and is about to enter hospital.

Wounded—and Hard Up: A discharged soldier has a small pension for wounds. He cannot follow his usual employment, and his wife is very delicate and has been ordered extra nourishment.

A Tight Corner:—A discharged soldier's wife is about to be confined. He is unemployed, and there are three other young children to keep.

Parted:—A patient in a sanatorium asked for help for his wife, who is about to have another olive branch, and whose income amounts to only 10s. a week.

Destitute:—A discharged "Tommy," on very small pension, is unable to work. He and his wife and three children were starving.

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Bank Loans and Future Prices.

The flurry in the Money Market has quite upset the equilibrium of the Stock Exchange. The Banks will begin window-dressing very shortly, and will be cutting down loans, therefore speculators who have been buying shares on borrowed money are beginning to reconsider their position and all the past week have been taking profits. It is quite certain that prices are much too high. It is unreasonable to expect that Banks will continue to advance on shares on which the return at present prices is not more than half the Bank Rate. There is hardly a motor share that returns more than 5 per cent. and no oil share not more than half the best industrials. Therefore it is clear that prices have been pushed to a fantastic level and must come down.

Paper Profits

Why have prices risen in this extraordinary manner? The explanation is interesting. For example, a big speculator will buy 10,000 shares at say £2. The buying sends the price to £4. If he were to attempt to sell he would break the market, so he forms a Syndicate to take the shares up. Then, owing to there being no "bears" to interfere with his operations, he forms another Syndicate to take up the load of the previous one. This can be carried on just as long as there are mugs with money who will join Syndicates. But what will happen when all the Syndicates want to cash their paper profits? And what will happen if the Banks that now finance these Syndicates get sick and want their money back?

"Tanks."

Tanganyika Debentures are to be paid off, and a million shares are to be issued at 23. It will be remembered that when Tanganyika was in the direst straits a certain well-known noble lord came to their assistance, and lent them an enormous sum on these debentures. That was many years ago, when few people believed that there was any copper outside the imagination of Mr. Robert Williams. The Company has been in existence 20 years, and 1917 was the first year to show a credit balance. Losses have hitherto been written off the premium on shares. Now that the war is over "Tanks" may come into their long expected fortune.

NORTHERN EXPLORATION.

I have received a letter from the Northern Exploration Co., stating that the nominal capital is £500,000, all issued, and that 404,309 shares are good delivery, therefore my figures given on the 8th November are incorrect. As no report has been issued I was obliged to take such figures as were available. The Secretary states that my remarks that, as Norway now owns the Island, the Company may have to pay taxes and even royalties, are rather premature, "as," he says, "we have good reason to believe to the contrary." This is good news, but I do not see how order is to be maintained in the island and a Government established unless those exploiting its mineral resources pay their fair share. The Secretary also adds that there must have been something like 800 to 1,000 labourers wintering on the island last year, and "previous to the war probably many more." This I look upon as pure optimism. I am further told that the Company has no trouble whatever regarding the supply of labour from Britain, Scandinavia, or even America, and that they have more applications for yearly employment contracts than they can deal with. All I can say is that three of the travellers who have written about Spitzbergen, namely, Lord Dufferin, Sir Moncure D. Conway, and Dr. Radmore Brown, do not give one the impression that Spitsbergen is exactly the place in which to spend a happy winter. It is within the Arctic Circle and therefore dark for six months of the year. The temperature is about 40 degrees below zero, and heavy fog and mist quite common. I should be only too glad if an English Company could successfully develop the undoubted mineral resources of Spitzbergen, but I consider that those who pay a premium for the shares are certainly entering into a speculation which is, to say the least of it, hardly justified.

Wall Paper Dividend.

Optimists have been buying Wall Paper deferred, vainly imagining, why nobody knows, that the dividend would be increased. It is merely held, and the figures are not as good as last year. However, if they drop much lower they are worth buying, as the combine is much stronger to-day than it was three years ago.

A Cheap Rhodesian.

Rho. Ex. at 3s. look a cheap purchase, as the Van Ryn Reef has been struck on Marisdrift of which farm Rho. Ex. owns two-thirds. It is only a gamble; but if the Chartered Commission makes a favourable report, Chartereds are certain to rise, and will carry all Rhodesians with them.

Chartereds.

Bulls of Chartered can make out an excellent case. The Company claim £7,700,000 plus interest; then they have cash, loans, investments, live stock, ranches, etc., which are certainly worth 15s. a share. Also it must not be forgotten that Northern Rhodesia is outside the settlement, and that the Company have here about 180,000,000 of acres, of which perhaps half is valuable. One day it might be sold. But it is certainly worth another 15s. a share. Thus we get 45s. as a knock-out price. It is quite easy, if you have enough imagination, to figure up to £5 a share, and I have met big holders who can prove (on paper) that Chartereds are worth £7.

A Suggestion for the Chancellor.

Why doesn't the Chancellor consolidate the whole National Debt of England into a Four-per-cent. Tax-free Loan? All the other issues are at a heavy discount, but the Four-per-cent. Tax-free is and always has been at a premium.

Standard Tyre and Rubber.

The list of applications for 100,000 Ordinary shares in this concern closes on Thursday of this week, and should any of my readers have subscribed I think they would be acting quite wisely in at once cancelling their application. For one thing, the purchase price of nearly £125,000, payable almost wholly in cash, is, in my opinion, an inflated one, and would make a big hole in the subscriptions, whilst the Debenture issue of £60,000, which the vendors are apparently getting at 85, of course does not improve the position of the Ordinary shareholders.

An Interesting Fish Scheme.

I understand that a Company, with a capital of two millions, will shortly make its appearance, having for its object the supply of fish direct from the sea to the consumer, thereby utilising the vast resources of the deep in amelioration of the food position, and incidentally reducing prices. I gather the Board will be a very influential one, and the prospects of the undertaking should be extremely bright.

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A. K. B. (Sutton).—*Cyprus Oil Trust:* Yes; from latest information available I think important developments may be expected shortly.——C. E. W. (Liverpool).—*African Realty Trust:* I cannot recommend an investment in this concern. Fruit growing on the estate may be a profitable business, but, as I have said before, it is only suitable for people who are in a position to look after it themselves.——J. W. M. (Reading).—*Port of London Stock:* The present price is about 71. If you want to sell you must do it through a bank or a stockbroker.—C. J. A. (Southall).—Brokers are entitled to commission both on buying and selling. Better sell *Rubber Estates of Mexico*, but *Allagars* are worth holding.——S. W. (Peckham).—*Nakamun Asphalt:* Readers were frequently warned against this concern. It has disappeared and the shares are worthless.——J. F. G. (Cricklewood).—I do not recommend dealings with *R. & A. Stewart*.——D. H. (Hampstead).—*Suez Oils* may as well be sold for what they will fetch, as the prospects are very poor. *Goldfields Rhodesian Development* should be held a little longer.

W. H. B. (Leamington Spa).—*Magadi Soda:* The last report was a very disappointing one, but the property is valuable and the shares are a fair speculation at the present price.——S. G. (March).—*F. Robert Fellows:* I do not recommend dealings with this firm.——W. H. (East Ham).—*Local Loans:* There is no chance of a recovery in the near future, but the interest is safe and there would be no object in exchanging into other Government stocks.——E. V. (Harrogate).—Very sorry, but your previous letter seems to have miscarried. *Chinese Treasury Notes* are still obtainable at 98 (issue price) or a fraction less, and I regard them as a good investment with comparatively small risk. The *Sudan Government* loan also is attractive although it has now gone to a substantial premium, and you might do worse than divide your investment between the two. You cannot get 7 to 7½ per cent. without some risk.——J. A. T (Stevenston).—*Reid Price & Co.:* I do not advise dealings with the firm and I regard *Pafa Concessions* as worthless. *Aircraft Manufacturing* preference shares are speculative, but they may recover. There is little chance of an improvement in *Home Rails* yet awhile, but holders will be fairly treated if the Government take them over.——KENT COAL (Boyton).—The prospects are very doubtful. Shareholders never are, but always to be, blest.——R. E. G. (Baker Street).—*Metropolitan Railway:* Dividends are paid half yearly. The last (interim) was 1 p.c., p.a. and for 1918 the distribution was 1½ p.c. The price quoted represents £100 stock.——J. B. H. (Turriff).—I do not recommend dealings with Redway, Mann & Co., but the other two firms are reliable. *Mexican Tramways* are suffering from the unsettled conditions in the country, but having waited so long you should hold. *Nitrogen Products* are doing well, and *Griffiths Lewis* preference shares are a fair industrial investment.——Mrs. E. W. (Ilfracombe).—War Savings Certificates or War Loan Stock (purchasable through the Post Office) would suit your purpose best. But Premium Bonds are coming.——ADAMS (Winchester).—*Anglo-European Steamship:* The company has fair prospects, but I regard the shares as too speculative for your purpose.——A. W. K. B. (North Shields).—*Bond Prize:* You are quite right; the prize would be treated as capital. In most cases prizes are free of taxes in the country of origin.——J. W. (Rathgar).—Rubber shares have good prospects at present, and the best in your list are *Doloks*, *Kepongs* and *Highlands*. Among the industrials *Amalgamated* and *Ebbw Vales* are most promising, but the other two also are good.

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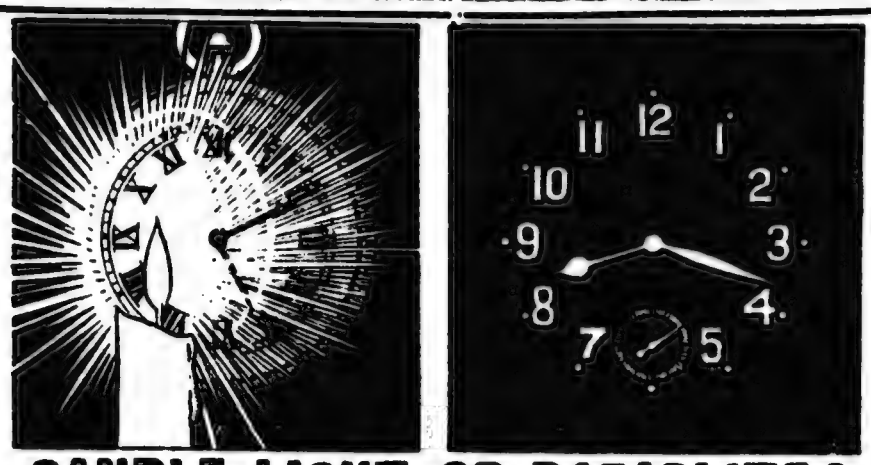

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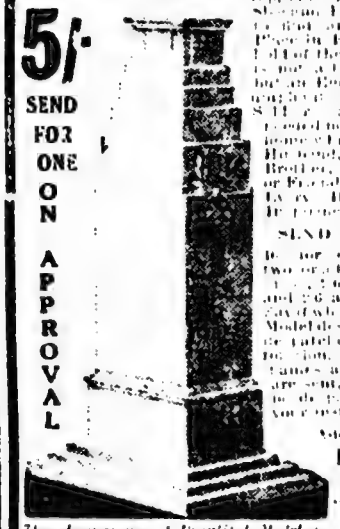

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"CYMRO" (Llanelly) would prefer German domination to being under the heel of British Bolsheviks. As a choice of two evils, it might be the lesser.

MRS. C. (Sheffield).—You are not necessarily "wrong in the head" because you see the Kaiser's face in the moon. We used to see it ourselves when his Zepps were about.

T. W. B. (West Buxton).—"I have encountered much journalistic nonsense proceeding from you after the style of your damned cheek." Never mind. We prefer our cheek to your brain.

J. H. B. (Wallasey).—"I quite agree with you that an all-Labour Government might be anything but a blessing." In fact, it might be a cussing.

C. T. S. C. (New York).—The claim made by Rear-Admiral Strauss, U.S.N., in the columns of the *New York American*, to the effect that "the United States laid 81 per cent. of the mines: not the British 19 per cent. and we succeeded in sweeping up more mines than the British did all over the world," is simply silly Yankee swank that is probably swallowed by the denizens of the Bowery.

"TROTSKY" (Glam.).—"I am sure a little plain speaking will do you no harm." We are sure a little hanging won't do the teal Trotsky any good.

"SENEX" (Willesden).—We do not underestimate the evils of over-indulgence in liquor; nor the tyranny and unreasonableness of fanatical prohibitionists either.

S. G. W. (Streatham) suggests "that some of the principals of the Control Board have direct and indirect interest in farms and cheese factories which are enriching themselves out of the taxpayers." Any particular proof in respect of any particular man?

C. E. B. (Blythe).—"Remember, remember, the eleventh November, The Kaiser's Devilish plot: And there is no reason, At every due season, Why it should ever be forgot." If you're remembered, you'll never be forgot, either.

"LIEUTENANT" (Chatham).—So you think we "overrate the intelligence" of the Ministry of Labour, Appointments Branch. Much more difficult to under-rate it, we agree.

J. L. C. (H.M.S. *London*).—We certainly do not believe in "feeding the insides" of Germans. Their internal affairs are no concern of ours.

G. P. M. T. (Chelsea).—"How strange the cycle of this present existence!" Precisely what we said when we overslept ourselves two Sundays running.

"OLD AGE PENSIONER" (Streatham).—We shall expect the Government to give speedy effect to the Report of the Departmental Committee recommending the raising of the Old Age Pension to 10s. weekly, at least.

J. R. R. (Bishopsthorpe).—We note that you are dissatisfied with the Government. Perhaps you will leave it to our discretion to break the news to them.

"BRADFORD."—"Overheard in Market Street, Bradford." We decline to print what you heard, because it is rude to listen.

MISS M. H. (Kildare Terrace, W.).—"May I tread on the tail of your coat?" Some other time, dearie; but at the moment we are sitting on it.

"A VICTIM" (Hackney).—So you think we have been "nobbled" by the Coalition. *They* don't, though.

A. G. B. (Green Lanes, N.).—Yes, we noticed that Mrs. Lloyd George was present at a "Pussyfoot" demonstration, but don't let that worry you. The wily little Welshman knows better.

W. A. W. (Hockley Heath).—Peace hath its horrors as well as war. We duly note that the scoundrelly dago who works the "Spanish Prisoner" confidence trick has renewed his activities.

"SASSENACH" (Clydebank).—The Inverness Magistrates were of the opinion of Dean of Guild Fraser—that "boxing would have a bad influence on the youth of the town." It is idle to argue against such prejudices.

"WESLEYAN METHODIST" (West Kirby) wishes us to object to the "envelope system" of church contributions in the W.M. Church "as introducing unduly the commercial element into religion." We know nothing about it.

E. L. (Rochdale).—We note that you are about to "leave England for good." You do not say for whose good.

"RIGHT-YEARS-READER" (Glasgow).—Wonder if you would mind using thicker notepaper. Up to one sheet a year we will gladly pay the diff., if any.

H. K. (Rugeley Camp).—If anybody is charging Q.M.A.A.C.s 9d. each for their certificate of thanks for services rendered, no wonder the girls are Waacsy. They should at least get their thank you for nothing.

J. C. (Cambridge).—A bungalow, near Bury St. Edmunds, for £8 a year? Sounds too good to be true. No use asking for the address; it's sure to be let by now.

C. E. (London, E.).—"Kindly try and stop a beastly fraud." On receipt of your further instructions, we will go for it baldheaded.

E. S. (Doncaster).—At what age do you suggest Income Tax should cease to be payable? Think it over, and let us know after Christmas.

G. S. B. (Twickenham).—If your daughter absented herself from business without permission, she was probably liable to dismissal as a matter of law, although you have every right to complain of her general treatment.

"PRO BONO PUB" (Clerkenwell).—Which pub? "England is being turned upside down to satisfy the cranks." What you'd call standing on its head, eh?

"CANADIAN SCOT" (Shoreditch).—The original meaning of the term "Ca' canny" may have been excellent, but its modern interpretation is damnable.

MISS K. S. (Cookham Dean).—Not having seen you, to our knowledge, we were not aware that you were devoid of "youth and beauty." Nevertheless, write us your troubles clearly and fully, and we will see what can be done.

"1915 MAN" (Market Weighton).—Afraid we could not "put a nice letter in" to the gentleman you name without much stronger evidence than is contained in your letter.

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EDWIN J. M. (Brisbane, Aust.).—The loyalty of Sinn Feiners in Queensland seems about on a par with the loyalty of the breed in Ireland. We appreciate your compliment to our "fearless little paper."

M. P. S. (Boston).—Cheer up. In the words of the song, what's the use of worrying? it never was worth while.

C. F. (Liverpool).—"I engaged a sweep to sweep the chimneys." Just so; not to tune the piano, or carve the Sunday joint.

J. E. J. (Wednesbury).—Thanks for humorous anecdote. The echoes of our cachinnation were distinctly heard at the Marble Arch.

"LOVER OF JUSTICE" (London).—We note that you wish "part of your letter" to be published. Kindly say which part and we will make an effort to oblige you.

J. B. (Keston).—"I am a baker and my friend a butcher. Are we mechanics? A carpenter says we are not." From a trade union point of view, you are not mechanics. But, as one makes loaves and the other makes joints, common-sense says you are. And now you must settle it yourselves—in the cosy taproom for preference.

"DANCER" (Middlesbrough).—No dancing after 10.30 p.m. without the special permission of the Magistrate! Does this apply to a little kick-up in the back garden?

"A FEW OF THE STAFF" (Tranmere).—"The food is an absolute scandal." We have met people to whom scandal is an absolute food.

"CONSTANT READER" (St. Mary's).—Anyone who says things are cheap in London is pulling your leg, old bean.

E. A. J. (Blackheath).—There is really no "puzzl" at all. The Metropolitan Water Board and several other authorities have the right to call upon the Borough Councils to make up any deficit in their accounts.

J. R. C. (Nottingham).—"The w.c.s are only 2 ft. 6 in. from the larders in which we are bound to keep our food." You are not "bound." We would sooner keep the food on the window-ledge—or the roof.

E. P. (Walthamstow) reads with disgust that large City firms have given orders for thousands of pounds' worth of German-made toys and goods. Hun-patriotic, so to speak.

C. H. H. (Dover).—It is often a mystery how a man becomes a Justice of the Peace. The instance you cite at Herne Bay is a case in point.

J. M. P. (Winchmore Hill, N.).—Glad to note you *read* our paper, although we never believe people who tell us they buy it to wrap fish in.

E. D. (Amesbury).—If you will kindly forward the dimensions of the pork-pie, we may be able to form an opinion as regards the price.

"CHRISTADELPHIAN" (London).—"Christadelphians have always consistently regarded military service as opposed to Scripture." Lots of people consistently regard Christadelphians as being opposed to Scripture.

P. J. S. (Gourock).—"I am writing concerning the housing here in this place." Can't be worse in Gourock than in London, but it is shocking all over.

H. I. (London, E.).—Policewomen who look rudely at respectable ladies should be asked what they mean by it. Perhaps you will apprise us by telegram if it occurs again.

MRS. S. A. G. (Hampstead).—Cannot say whether we are "related to the lady your uncle married," but if it turns out we have that honour we shall be as proud as a fantail pigeon.

"EX-LIEUT." (Liverpool).—It does not sound feasible to limit the number of shops a firm may open, but you are of course entitled to suggest that they should consult your wishes in the matter.

"UNSIGNED" (Tanner Row, York).—"A valuable idea which passed through my mind, to convert our heavy aircraft into agricultural sprayers to spray water, chemicals, or any other liquid on the soil from the air. I wrote to the Patents Office applying for a patent." It would be more valuable if your patent converted aircraft into disseminators of sunshine. Meanwhile, let us spray.

A. S. (Leicester).—Why emphasise the fact that you are "only a woman"? You would be a most unholy freak if you were a man as well.

C. A. P. (Kentish Town).—"Do you think his is a case for insertion in your paper?" No, sir; we consider that it is a matter to be talked over quietly in the corner of a pub.

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C. R. F. (Aberdeen).—We agree that "the incomparable experience of soldier-doctors" should be of great value in the treatment of venereal disease, although the incidence of V.D. in the Army was probably no higher than among the civil population.

D. D. P. (Glasgow).—That isn't a joke you would tell your mother.

B. H. B. (Chicago) suggests the papers in U.S. and Canada are afraid to publish anything defending England. That's wide of the mark.

W. H. H. (Liverpool).—A policeman ranks as a civilian, not a soldier, although he is under semi-military discipline.

"HAD" (Northumberland Park, N.).—We note your grievance in regard to the pier tolls, but probably they would have let you off if you had been content to wade ashore.

A. A. W. (Wimbledon).—"The number of girls doing men's work is shameful." We agree, and your own experience has been peculiarly unfortunate.

"E. L. 33" (Manchester).—"The Red Cross man has been, if anything, an object of derision in the eyes of the general public." We don't know about the Manchester public, but it wasn't the case down our way.

H. C. H. (Walthamstow) says "the people of Dorset" have erected a monument to German prisoners who died at Pudsborough. A part of the inscription reads: "Gone, but not forgotten." Glad the subscribers told the truth.

T. H. (Grand Hotel).—It is a question whether railway station buffets and cafés come under the Profiteering Act. You may pay for the luxury of the surroundings in the charge for a cup of tea.

"FAIR PLAY" (Q.A.S.M.N.S.) would like to know why the rate of pay for some members of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Nursing Service (Reserve) is double that of others of equal rank and length of service. One more official inconsistency.

"BLACKTHORN" (Clapham).—Your experience with the moneylender was certainly unfortunate, but if you are a regular reader you have been constantly warned, and should certainly not have been caught.

"QUEENSLANDER" (Widnes).—We gather that in your opinion Chinese labourers in France are overpaid, also that they need stirring up with a stock-whip. Said Chinamen understood to differ on both points.

"LIEUT., R.N.R." kindly offers relatives of Richard Dobb, late of the *Iron Duke*, or W. J. Bishop, late stoker of the *Royalist*, a photo of their hero's grave in the Orkneys.

WOODFINE.—The parents of L.-Cpl. A. E. Woodfine, 4th Batt. King's Liverpool Regt., killed May 20, 1917, wish to hear from any comrade who helped to bury him. He was reported interred at the British Cemetery, Henin Road, Heneliu, but the information is sadly indefinite.

"PAY CORPS GIRL" (Leamington Spa) says the correspondent who informed us Pay Office girls had received an increase of 5s. a week is woefully inaccurate. She hasn't had a farthing increase, anyway.

"WARRANT OFFICER" (Warwick Square, S.W.).—We note that you had a shilling "hair friction" without noticing it. Think yourself lucky they didn't mesmerise your eyebrows for half-a-crown.

"A READER" (No Address).—Income tax payers do not as a rule complain of "belated" demands. Probably no offence was intended.

"NOT A BOLSHIE" (Hull), speaking as a worker, says: "By the sweat of our brow the capitalist derives his wealth." Thought you were going to say by the sweat of your jaw.

"ALEXIA" (Shanklin, I. of W.).—Glad you liked last week's "peroration." Trust the twiddley bits were also to your taste.

"FOUR BLUE CHEVRONS" (Islington).—Informed by Labour Ministry you are too old at 37 for training in tailoring because of Trade Union objections? Wicked? Yes.

"COX'S ORANGE SQUEEZED DAY" (London).—As you know, we have already flagellated Army bankers for underpaying their clerks. We do not lose touch with a subject because we cannot refer to it every week.

C. F. B. (Edinburgh) thinks that most of the advertising propaganda work of the Government "appears in the newspapers that never reach the working classes." Don't know about Scotland or the Provinces, but that criticism certainly does apply in some measure to London.

"WATCH AND PRAY" (Battersea).—Have on several occasions offered to open Joanna Southcott's box of sealed writings when brought to us, if the Bishops won't oblige.

"A TIGER" (Leicester).—"I do not like to see my comrades turned down for dirty 'Conchies.'" We should think not, indeed. Can you send us particulars?

"ARDENT ADMIRER" (Leek).—Your story of profiteering duly to hand, but we cannot be always harping on the subject. Try us with something fresher, and watch us bite.

B. A. W. (Worthing).—"Reading in the papers of Beauty Competitions for Women, how about one for men?" Have you any idea you would win it? B.A.W.!

A. E. P. (Burton-on-Trent).—Our opinion of the "little incident in your little village" is that it is high time these Hun prisoners were packed off to their home, sweet home.

"WIFE" (Hammersmith).—Don't forget that suspicion has been defined as the feeling which impels us to find out what we don't want to know.

Miss E. B. (Chislehurst).—Glad you found so much pleasure in the canteen work. Guess you saw some brisk elbow-drill at times.

"DEMOBBED W.R.A.F.S." (Eastleigh).—"Wish we could tell you of "a way to earn an honest living." Perhaps the local clergy would favour you with a few suggestions.

J. M. F. (Kensington).—"Confectioners and tobacconists should have the attention of the Weights and Measures Inspectors." If any are demobilised yet.

F. M. (Kendal).—There was, if you remember, a big Industrial Conference a few months ago. If you want another, you must ask nicely, and offer to pay for it.

"OLD AND REGULAR READER" (Doncaster).—If you have "never seen the result of the Poster Competition," it shows you may be an old reader but are not a regular one. Result was advertised in our pages by the firm on September 13th.

A. S. (Bermondsey).—"A Mons man and a fat Russian walking behind." Well, there's no "disgrace" in that, if the Mons man pocketed adequate boodle, as we guess he did. Good luck to him!

(Many replies are unavoidably held over.)

ASTOUNDING RAINCOAT BARGAINS

Beautifully tailored and finished garments for only

29/6

DIRECT FROM THE MANUFACTURERS.

Get your coat NOW before our present stocks run out. This offer cannot be repeated. You cannot get a better Raincoat from any retailer if you pay double the price.

Made in Gaberdine Cloth, in various shades, fully check lined with belts and buckles.

Orders dealt in strict rotation. Approval willingly. Thousands of testimonials.

Ladies', Maids', and Youths' also stocked.

Write To-day for Free Patterns and Booklet.

SARTOR MANUFACTURING CO.
(DEPT. J), 53, OXFORD ROAD, MANCHESTER.

Gather round the fireside, enjoy the winter evenings—write now and get a

Berkeley EASY CHAIR

which is designed for exceptional comfort and durability.

The frame is of great strength, the springs are steel-coppered, long, and flexible, and are fixed in the back, seat, and front edge. The upholstery is thorough and the coverings are artistic and will match any scheme of decoration. Value is supreme.

Price **£5:5:0** or 15/- with order and balance 17/6 monthly.

Sold on the Money Back Principle.

Every Berkeley is delivered carriage paid, immediately on receipt of the first payment with order, and if not completely satisfactory it may be returned AT OUR EXPENSE, and all money paid will be refunded in full.

Over 500 Chairs always in Stock.

FREE Send your name and address on a postcard and we will forward you Post Free full particulars and samples of coverings for your selection.

H. J. SEARLE & SON, LTD.,
Manufacturing Upholsterers,
Dept. J.B.), 70-78, OLD KENT RD., LONDON, S.E.1

THE GREAT BRAIN FOOD.

BRAININE

The Only Cure for Brain Fag.

It is a great vitaliser. It builds up, through the brain, the whole nerve system. It makes work a pleasure. It

Solves the Drug Problem.

It is free from strychnine or any poisonous ingredient. It is no quack preparation. It is made up from the prescription of a great Brain Specialist. It is

Strongly recommended by Mr. Horatio Bottomley, M.P.

It is sold in tubes at 1/3 and 3/- To be obtained at the Army and Navy Stores, Boots, and all leading Chemists; or direct, post free, from—

BRAININE 35, Buckingham Gate, LONDON, S.W.

WHEN you are "below par," when exertion, business and domestic worries leave their mark, take SANOVA, The Egg of Health—it will put you right. Not a cure-all. Not a quack. Each pill has the reputation of a fully qualified Chemist behind it. A genuine TONIC. No harmful drugs. No injurious reaction.

THE SANOVA BRAND

Each Egg an absolute Pick-Me-Up

In Boxes 1/3 & 3/- obtainable from all Chemists or post free for 1/6 & 3/- direct from (Dept. J.), J. Mackenzie Turner, M.P.S., Bristol.

FORGET THE NAME—*Hunyadi Janos.*

It belongs to an aperient water of alien origin. There was an Enemy Bullet in every bottle.

REMEMBER

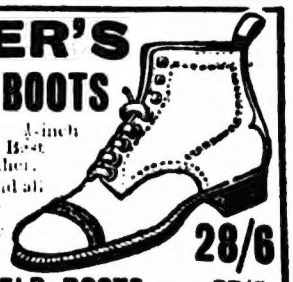
Osmos The Great British Aperient Water

Practically identical in composition and osmotic value with Hunyadi Janos.—British Medical Journal

OSMOS is the safest and most reliable remedy for **Constipation.** It is invaluable for the relief of **Dyspepsia, Biliousness, Torpid Liver,** and **Haemorrhoids.** It clears the blood of **Gout** and **Rheumatism,** and, by eliminating impurities from the blood, promotes **a clear complexion**

Osmos is on sale at all Boots Cash Chemists, Taylor's Drug Stores, Timothy White & Co., Ltd., Chemists and Dealers, price 2/- per bottle, or will be sent post free on receipt of postal order. Osmos, Crown Wharf, Hayes, Middlesex.

ASHER'S BROWN BOOTS



Crome Leather, 9-inch sides. Very Best Quality Leather. Waterproof. Stand all weathers. For Town or Country wear.

28/6

ASHER'S FIELD BOOTS - - 27/6
Black or Brown. Proof against all weathers. Packing and postage free. Give size. Send P.O. MONEY BACK IF NOT SATISFIED.

R. ASHER & CO., Dept. A.
119, Angel Lane, Stratford, London, E.15.
WRITE FOR BARGAIN CATALOGUE OF MEN'S, WOMEN'S, AND CHILDREN'S FOOTWEAR.

THE "JOHN BULL" GUARANTEE.

We guarantee the goods advertised by every firm whose trade announcement appears in JOHN BULL, *i.e., we hold ourselves responsible for their being of the quality and standard represented at the time of purchase and the date of payment, either in full or of first instalment, and if any reader can show just cause for dissatisfaction with the purchase of any goods made through any trade advertisement in our columns, we will refund the purchase money, provided the goods complained of are sent to us within one week from the date of original purchase. All communications should be addressed to* JOHN BULL, *Advertisement Department, 92, Long Acre, London, W.C.2.*

Your Last Chance

TO WIN A TURKEY OR A CHRISTMAS GIFT!

1,000 TURKEYS

Send in your coupon **THIS WEEK** if you want to win a Turkey or a Christmas Gift. This is **YOUR LAST CHANCE** to win one of the

200 TURKEYS AND 1,000 GIFTS

to be won this week. Each of these gifts is worth at least half-a-guinea, and will more than please its recipient. We are allowing winners of Turkeys to purchase their own birds and to send the bills to us for settlement, or they can have the sum of 30s. in advance to pay for the Turkey.

BIGGEST CHRISTMAS OFFER EVER MADE.
Do not delay—**SEND IN YOUR COUPON NOW.**

5,000 VALUABLE GIFTS

2ND PRIZE £20

10 PRIZES OF £5
4,000

FIRST PRIZE £250

10 PRIZES OF £2 10/-
TARGET PRIZES

3RD PRIZE £10

200 TURKEYS & 1,000 GIFTS TO BE WON THIS WEEK!

Please note that next week "Bullets" First Prize will be increased to £1,000.

HOW TO MAKE "BULLETS."

[illegible] Puzzle Picture [illegible] examples given below. Then give **TWO, THREE** or **FOUR** words [illegible] example chosen. Any **ONE** of the words selected must begin with any [illegible] example chosen. The other words selected can begin with any letter in the alphabet. This [illegible] Example—Gerrits, Grant. Bullet—And Deserving It—Tommy. Competitors [illegible] BULLETS [illegible] sentence. If more than three are used, an entry fee at the rate of 6d. for [illegible] Result of Competition will be found in our issue dated Dec. 13th.

LIST OF EXAMPLES FOR "BULLETS" COMPETITION No. 355.

KEEPS BOTTOMLEY BUSY	NO DISPUTING	A PRETTY PICKLE	PAYING HIM OUT
JUST TAXES	BELOW THE BELT	GETTING THE PLUMS	TURKEY
HAND OF HOPE	GETTING CREDIT	AWKWARD MISTAKE	A TALL ORDER
HOME COMFORTS	DEMAND AND SUPPLY	WORDS AND DEEDS	COURTING DAYS
FINE FEATHERS	BADLY NEEDED	ALL FOR THE BEST	WEDDING CAKE
WHAT MEDIUM SAYS	BOUGHT AND PAID FOR	FOOTING THE BILL	DAILY ROUND
BOXING CHAMPION	RISKING ALL	DECLINING TRADE	POOR BARGAIN
NO MISUNDERSTANDING	A WARM CUSTOMER	MUST BE STOPPED	MY FAVOURITE

No. _____ **Closing Date, Thursday, November 27th**

Example _____

Bullet _____

Example _____

Bullet _____

(355) P.O. No. _____ Signed _____

I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page. Address _____

If coupons are used P.O. for 1/- must be sent.

IF UNABLE TO SECURE EXTRA COUPONS YOU CAN WRITE YOUR "BULLETS" ON PLAIN PAPER.

No. _____ **Closing Date, Thursday, November 27th.**

Example _____

Bullet _____

Example _____

Bullet _____

(355) P.O. No. _____ Signed _____

I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page. Address _____

If coupons are used P.O. for 1/- must be sent.

ENVELOPES SHOULD BE MARKED "BULLETS" No 355 "JOHN BULL," LONG ACRE, LONDON, W.C.2

No. **Closing Date, Thursday, November 27th.**

Example _____

Bullet _____

Example _____

Bullet _____

(355) P.O. No. _____ Signed _____

I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page. Address _____

If coupons are used P.O. for 1/- must be sent.

Selection of Examples for "Bullets" Competition No. 356

WHEN BOTTOMLEY RISES BIG FIGHT CAN'T SAY WHEN JOE BECKETT—GIVE AND TAKE—PRETTY MAID FAST AND LOOSE IN A MESS GERMANY HOPES—THE HOME TEAM—WITHOUT QUESTION WHEN LEAST EXPECTED MY CHRISTMAS BOX—NATIONAL DEBT—ON THE JAW—HUBBY'S EXCUSE A NASTY SNUB LOWER PRICES THE FLAPPER'S LAMENT—DIVORCED.

The [illegible] examples [illegible] the coupons above, and must reach us on or before **THURSDAY, Dec. 11th.** All coupons so used **MUST** be clearly marked with the number **356** in the top left-hand corner, and envelopes containing them must be addressed "Bullets" No. **356**, John Bull," Long Acre, London, W.C.2. Such coupons must not [illegible] any of the Thirty-two examples for Competition **355.**

BULLETS RULES. 1. The Editor's decision [illegible] for what [illegible] Judges in connection with the Editor, [illegible] "Bullets" [illegible] the right to [illegible] the best [illegible] right to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] reserved.

2. [illegible] and [illegible] 3. A [illegible] accompanied by a postal order for [illegible] made payable to JOHN BULL and crossed _____ and Co. _____ Competitors must write their names and addresses and the date of sending the order on the back of the postal order, the counterfoil of which must be duly noted on each coupon submitted. Competitors sending more than one coupon may enclose one postal order for the full amount covering the number of their coupons. Coupons must not be defaced in any manner.

4. All coupons arriving too late to be judged with absolute thoroughness will be duly returned to their respective senders.

5. The Editor undertakes that every Bullet received shall have careful consideration by a competent staff of qualified judges.

6 The Editor's decision on any matter of dispute arising in connection with this competition must be accepted as final and legally binding in all respects, and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry.

Result of 352nd 'Bullets' Competition

FIRST PRIZE OF £250:

Mr. R. T. BROWN,
21, Plumstead Rd., Woolwich, S.E.
Example:—Husband And Wife.
Bullet:—Trust Water To Know.

SECOND PRIZE OF £20:

Miss ANNIE WILLIAMS.
19, Park St., Taibach, Port Talbot
Example:—Hard Luck.
Bullet:—Epitaph Of "Dead Cert."

THIRD PRIZE OF £10:

Mr. J. LITTLEWOOD.
21, Welch Rd., Southsea.
Example:—Working Wonders.
Bullet:—Fubbers After Rat Week.

10 PRIZES OF £5 EACH:

Miss Poole, "Pentlands," Woodbridge Rd., Ipswich:
Ruling Passion Seldom Those Rousing It.

Mr. J. Elmers, 55, Borlborough St., New Cross:
Too Fast Labour's "Driving" For Safety.

Mr. H. Shaw, 50, Percival St., Bradford:
Peace And Prosperity—There's War "Between Them."

Mr. H. Williams, 41, Salisbury Rd., Edmonton:
Too Fast—Volunteer "Trains" For Strikers.

Mr. E. Williams, 56, Hudson St., Accrington:
Peace And Prosperity Here For The "Grasping."

Mr H. Lord, Whitchurch Rd., Cardiff:
A Wise Woman—Can Be "Outspoken."

Mr. J. H. Harris, 63, Victory St., Devonport:
Willing Hands—Agitators Prefer Willing Ears

Commr. E. F. St. John, R.N., 22, St. Stephen's Rd., Bayswater:
Peace And Prosperity Kaiser "Banished" From Europe.

Mr. F. K. Scott, 2, Belfour Rd., Acton, W.:
Our Worst Enemy—"You Must Have One."

Mr. A. J. George, Market Lavington, Devizes:
Man In The Street—Shouting Out "Lower Prices."

10 PRIZES OF £2 10s. EACH:

Mr. E. Stretton, 5, Bakers Rd., Eastbourne:
Grasping—Grievance Lets Go Opportunity.

Mr. J. S. Milverton, 74, Walpole Rd., Boscombe:
What Profiteer Wants—Curbing, With Kerb Markets.

Mr. W. E. Lacy, 63, Paradise St., W. Bromwich:
Knocked Down—Tube Passenger Wouldn't Notice.

Mr. G. Cockersell, 8a, Belsize Parade, N.W.:
A Wise Woman—Holds Tongue—And Husband.

Dr. Oakshott, Yateley, Hants:
Our Worst Enemy—Optimism In Blinkers.

Mr. F. W. Pantpil, 17, Butt St., Luton:
Peace And Prosperity—Overdue—"Dilated By Storms."

Mr. C. Herbert, 31, Oakley Rd., S. Norwood:
Most Cheering Words—Workers Occupy "First Houses."

Mr. W. T. Wellman, Corfe Abbas, Dorchester:
Ruling Passion—Fleecing The "Shorn Lamb."

Mr. J. Pegsley, 2, Whittingstall Rd., Fulham:
Going The Pace Can Mean "Hold On."

Mr. W. C. Hyde, 35, Witney St., Sheffield:
Wants Everything—Man Who's "Making Nothing."

List of 200 winners of Turkey prizes in the above Competition will be ready next week and published in the "Competitors' Journal," or it will be forwarded on receipt of a stamped and addressed envelope. Complete list of all cash and other prize-winners can be seen at the offices of "John Bull."

THE JOHN BULL GREAT FREE FIRE INSURANCE

COVERING ALL RISKS BY FIRE TO HOME, LIFE & LIMB

UNDER this most unique FREE INSURANCE OFFER anyone above the age of 10 can be insured irrespective of sex. The premium charged by any Fire and Accident Insurance Company to secure similar benefits would certainly exceed 5s. per annum. We offer it to you absolutely free.

We have made our insurance as simple and comprehensive as possible, and shall not bother about any "Legal representative" or "next of kin." Claims will be paid to the registered reader, who must personally sign the coupon, or to the person nominated thereon, and to no one else.

A separate coupon must be filled up in respect to each person to be insured.

This offer applies only to persons residing in, and property situated in, England, Scotland, and Wales.

The full conditions governing this scheme will be published in the first issue of each month.

WHAT WE WILL PAY:

For Damage to contents of Home by Fire up to	£200
In case of Death directly due to Fire at Registered Reader's home	£200
For the Loss of Two Limbs or Both Eyes, or One Limb and One Eye	£200
For the Loss of One Limb or One Eye ..	£100
Medical Fees for Injuries not proving fatal but incapacitating the Injured person from following his, or her, employment, up to ..	£10
In the event of a Temporary Total Disablement up to 13 weeks..	£1 per week

ORDER FORM
To be Retained by Newsagent.

To .....
Newsagent.

Please deliver "JOHN BULL" to me regularly until further notice

Signed .....

Address .....

Nov. 22, 1919.

You must also fill in the Registration Form, which will be found next to this, and post it to JOHN BULL Insurance Dept., 93, Long Acre, London, W.C.2, where your name and the name of your nominee will be duly registered.

REGISTRATION FORM
Which must be posted to—
JOHN BULL INSURANCE DEPT., Long Acre, W.C.2.

This is to notify that I have this day placed an order for the regular weekly supply of JOHN BULL with

.....Newsagent, of

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and desire you to register me as a regular subscriber under the terms of your Insurance Scheme.

In the event of my being injured or killed, or of my home or its contents being damaged, I hereby nominate to receive any payment due under this insurance, first myself, or in the event of my death:—

Name of Nominee .....

Address .....

Signature of Insured .....
(Mr., Mrs., or Miss)
Home Address .....

Nov. 22, 1919.

To remain qualified for the benefits, readers must continue to have "John Bull" regularly supplied to them.

Enclose 1d. stamp if an acknowledgment of receipt of Registration Form is required.

NEW WEEKLY FOOTBALL COMPETITION

£250 MUST BE WON!

FOR TEN WINNING TEAMS

OR NEXT LARGEST NUMBER OF WINNING TEAMS.

This week we are making another exceptionally attractive offer in connection with our new Football Competition. The sum of £250 will be paid to the sender of ten winning teams selected from those given on the coupon on this page. Should no competitor succeed in giving ten winning teams, the prize of £250 will be awarded to the sender of the next largest number of winning teams. This competition is open for one week and coupons can only be taken from this week's issue. **£250 must be won this week, it may be by you.**

NO ENTRANCE FEE—GREAT ONE-WEEK COMPETITION.

This Competition is exclusive to "John Bull." Coupons do not appear in any other paper.

This competition is quite free, no entrance fee of any kind being charged. Competitors can send as many coupons as they like. Scottish and Irish readers may compete. A careful study of football form should be made before filling in coupons. The "National News" gives the best and most accurate reports and forecasts every Sunday, which should prove of great assistance to intending competitors.

£2,700 ALREADY PAID OUT. IT MAY BE YOUR TURN NEXT TO WIN A BIG PRIZE.

Cut out coupon neatly and address all entries as follows:—"Football Competition No. 12, JOHN BULL, 23, Floral Street, Covent Garden, London, W.C.2." Write "Football" in top left-hand corner of envelope. All coupons can be enclosed in one envelope, but this must not contain entries for other competitions.

YOU CAN SEND AS MANY COUPONS AS YOU LIKE.

For result of Football Competition No. 9 see page 16.

Read these Rules carefully.

(1) All attempts must be made on coupons taken from the issue of JOHN BULL announcing this competition. Coupons must be written in ink (typewriting or pencil will not be allowed), and must be filled up in accordance with the instructions given on this page.

(2) The sum of £250 (two hundred and fifty pounds) will be paid to the sender of a coupon giving any ten winning teams from amongst those playing on Nov. 29th, given on the coupon on this page. If no competitor succeeds in giving ten winning teams the prize of £250 will be paid to the sender of the next largest number of winning teams. If two or more competitors succeed in giving ten winning teams, or failing that, succeed in sending the next largest number of winning teams, the £250 will be divided equally amongst them.

(3) Any coupon which has marked upon it more than ten Xs or less than ten Xs will be disqualified.

(4) No responsibility will be accepted by the Editor for the loss or non-delivery of any coupon. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery or receipt. No correspondence will be entered into nor will interviews be granted.

(5) Any coupon on which an alteration of any kind has been made will be disqualified.

(6) Our employees are debarred from entering this competition.

(7) Any coupons received later than November 27th will be disqualified.

(8) The Editor's decision must be accepted as final and legally binding in all matters concerning this competition, and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry.

HOW TO MARK YOUR COUPONS.

If you think the "Home" team will win put a X in the left-hand column headed "Home Win"; if you think the "Away" team will win put a X in the right-hand column headed "Away Win." Only ten teams must be marked in all. If more or less than ten Xs appear on any one coupon it will be disqualified. Coupons MUST be written in ink.

"JOHN BULL" FREE FOOTBALL COUPON.

Matches to be played Saturday, November 29th. Coupons must reach us not later than Thursday, November 27th.

Home Win	Home Team		Away Team	Away Win
	Aston Villa	v.	Sheffield United	
	Bradford	v.	Burnley	
	Chelsea	v.	Middlesbrough	
	Notts County	v.	Arsenal	
	Clapton Orient	v.	Bury	
	Rotherham County	v.	Birmingham	
	Stockport County	v.	Hull City	
	West Ham United	v.	Fulham	
	Wolverhampton W.	v.	Barnsley	
	Brentford	v.	Luton Town	
	Brighton & Hove A.	v.	Millwall Athletic	
	Merthyr Town	v.	Southampton	
	Plymouth Argyle	v.	Reading	
	Aberdeen	v.	Celtic	
	Dumbarton	v.	Hearts	
	Falkirk	v.	Third Lanark	

Coupons must be cut—not torn out.

I enter "John Bull" Football Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions on this page and agree to accept the Editor's decision as final and legally binding, and enter on that understanding.

SIGNED .....

12 ADDRESS .....

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MISTAKES ABOUT DIET.

It is a mistake to suppose that you can help your digestion by eating only essential nourishment separated from all waste, for the stomach has been furnished by Nature with the power to separate nourishment and waste material, and organs that are not used become sluggish.

Indigestion and stomach troubles are conditions that follow a defective state of the blood, as in anæmia, or after influenza, or even through lack of healthy exercise and fresh air. Also, indigestion causes the blood to be deprived of nourishment, so that there is close connection between a weak stomach and bloodlessness, either being likely to cause the other.

To dispel indigestion and strengthen a debilitated stomach, new, good blood is necessary, and it has been repeatedly proved that the rich, red blood created by Dr. Williams' pink pills has a direct influence on the stomach, digestion and nerves. This new blood revives the appetite, restores the stomach and digestive powers to healthy activity, and steadily imparts strength to those who follow the treatment.

You can improve your health and spirits by beginning Dr. Williams' pink pills now. Go to any dealer for a supply, but ask for Dr. Williams' and avoid substitutes.

FREE.—"What to Eat" is a helpful little book on correct diets and the digestion. Send a postcard for a copy to Offer Dept., 36, Fitzroy Square, London, W.1.—(Advt.)

GRAVES

OF SHEFFIELD

Write for patterns, post free, of Suits, Costumings, Coat Frocks, Skirts, Raincoats, Dress Materials, Household Drapery, also for Catalogues of Watches, Jewellery, Washers' and Boys' Clothing, Footwear, Sheffield Cutlery, Ironmongery and Records, Lino, Carpets, Frames, Curtains, Trunks, Bedsteads and Bedding, Sewing Machines, Furniture, Pianos, Accessories, etc.

EASY TERMS J. G. Graves Ltd. Sheffield

Odds On Oils FOR RHEUMATISM

Don't Suffer Longer.

CHILBLAINS

GOUT SPRAINS CRAMP SCIATICA LUMBAGO NEURALGIA BURNS.

Do not despair if Rheumatism has so afflicted you as to render you comparatively helpless. Here is good news for Rheumatic sufferers.

"ODDS-ON" OILS have cured and are curing thousands. "ODDS-ON" OILS go to the seat of the trouble, dispersing the rheumatic deposits which lurk in the system.

Rheumatic Sufferers need no reminding of the pain their affliction causes them. So cutting are the sharp pains Rheumatism inflicts. It is

JUST AS IF THE FLESH WERE PIERCED.

Rub until the hand is dry and shiny. All the oil is then at the place where the pain was—the pain has gone.

Persevere with "ODDS ON" and the trouble will entirely disappear. TRY IT.

READ THE FOLLOWING TESTIMONIAL.

To the Secretary. Oct. 11. 1919.

Dear Sir,—I think it is my duty to let the public know the value of your Liniment. It has worked wonders with my Rheumatism (which attacked me in Salonica), and I have only used one bottle, but I shall never be without it. I am also recommending it to all my soldier pals who suffer that terrible pain. —I am, Sirs, Yours respectfully, (54744) Pte. W. Johnson, 7 Coy., Hazley Camp, Hut 2a, Winchester.

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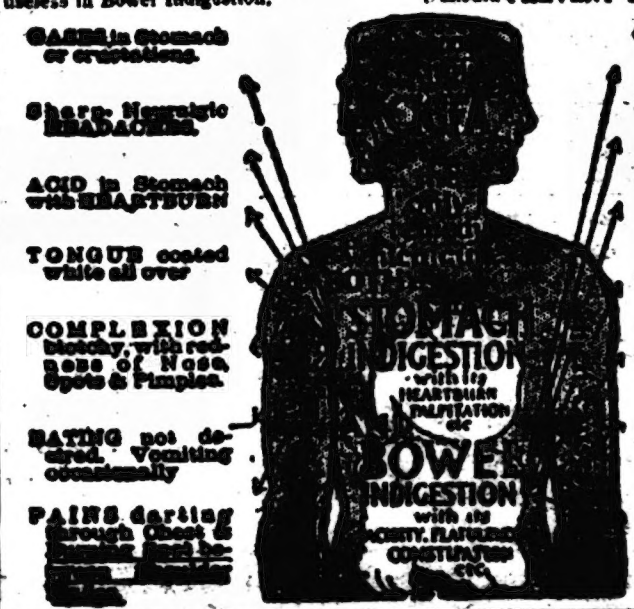
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Sharp, Neuralgic HEADACHES.
ACID in Stomach with HEARTBURN
TONGUE coated white all over
COMPLEXION blotchy, with redness of Nose, Spots & Pimples.
EATING not desired. Vomiting occasionally
PAINS darting through Chest & Shoulder Blades (Neuritis)
GASES in BOWEL or Flatulence.
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ACID in the Blood, causing (a) Teeth on edge, (b) Gout, (c) Rheumatism.
TONGUE coated yellow at back.
COMPLEXION muddy or pasty.
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PAINS in Bowels, Griping and CONSTIPATION
STOMACH INDIGESTION with its HEARTBURN PALPITATION etc
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